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Community Centers Completed

Two facilities for Indian Community Centers have recently been completed in the Okmulgee and Coweta areas, announced Principal Chief Claude Cox.

The Koweta Indian Center was constructed near the city of Coweta through funds acquired from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The center features a large meeting area with office space and kitchen facilities. To allow for expansion and ample parking the center is situated on approximately fourteen acres.

Also recently completed, is the community center in Okmulgee. The federally funded facility is located near the Tribal Complex within the Creek Naiton Elderly Housing division. The center provides a meeting hall with kitchen facilities for the Okmulgee Indian Community.

With the addition of the two new Indian community centers, the tribal government has acquired five facilities through the Community Development Block Grant program. Three other centers are located in Wetumka, Weleetka and Dewar.

"I have have long believed that the strength of any government rests with local initiative in the community," stated Chief Cox. "The community centers will give our tribal citizens a meeting place as well as provide a localized area for the delivery of tribal services."

Chief Cox added that he looks forward to the planning and development of additional centers for other organized Indian communities throughout the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

State of Muscogee Nation Address

The next meeting of the Muscogee National Council is set for January 29th at 10:00 a.m. At that time, Principal Chief Cox will present the annual "State of the Muscogee Nation Address". Chief Cox conducted tribal business in Washington, D.C. during the week of January 10 and should have many interesting activities to report on, including the past year and the current status of the tribal funds.

Another important event for the meeting will be the swearing in ceremony for the newly elected McIntosh District Council Representative, Sandy McIntosh. McIntosh won the council position in an election held December 18. His opponent was Jack Rumsey who received 179 votes to McIntosh's 219.

The council vacancy was caused by the resignation of Thomas McIntosh, Sandy's brother, who was in his second term of office. The meeting is open to the public and everyone is invited to attend.



Principal Chief Claude Cox and Second Chief George Miller look over the kitchen facilities at the new Coweta Community Center.



Outside design of Coweta Community Center. The Center is expected to be ready for use within a few weeks.

Eyeglasses Available To Eligible Creek Members

An Eyeglass Assistance Program is now being offered to eligible Creek citizens through the Creek Nation Health Services Administration, announced Chief Cox earlier this week.

The program will be limited to approximately 300 persons. Betty Woodfield, Home and Family Services worker, will assist applicants for the program. To be eligible, one must reside within the boundaries of Creek Nation and must have an income, at or below, what the federal government

recognizes as poverty level, which is \$475 per person per month, plus \$129 for each additional family member.

When making application, please bring your CDIB and income information, such as check stubs, etc. Woodfield explained this will speed up the application reviewing process, allowing services to be rendered more quickly. She also explained that first priority will be given to those age 55 and over. Second will be school

children under the age of 18.

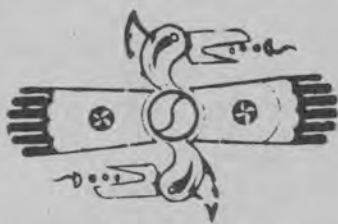
Chief Cox stated, "This is another important service to our tribal members that Creek Nation has made available. Even though it is a small amount of funds, it is another step in serving the Creek people."

Application may be made at the Health Services office located in the Tribal Mound, Okmulgee. For more information contact Betty Woodfield at 918/756-8700 extension 300.

REVENUE SHARING PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposed Use Hearing
January 25, 1983

The director, Division of Tribal Affairs will hold a Revenue Sharing Proposed Use Hearing on January 25, 1983 at 7:30 P.M., in the auditorium of the Independent Agencies Building (Mound) at the Creek Nation Capitol Complex, Okmulgee, Oklahoma. All Creek citizens (especially senior citizens) are invited to attend and provide the Director with written and oral comments on possible uses of Fiscal Year 1983 Revenue Sharing Funds. The Fiscal Year 1983 Revenue Sharing allocation for the Creek Nation is expected to be in the amount of \$112,658.



MUSCOGEE NATION NEWS

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Creek Calendars For Sale

The Creek Indian Calendar Company is offering an 11" x 19" size, poster-type calendar, printed in the Muscoogee and English languages. It retails at \$1.00 per calendar and can be ordered from the address below. There will be an additional charge of \$1.50 per order to cover postage costs.

Creek Indian Calendar Company,
P.O. Box 307, Stillwater, OK. 74076.

Letters. . .

DEAR EDITOR:

I was very glad to see your article on tracing Indian family histories. I have been trying to trace my Indian ancestors for some time.

I am searching for any descendants of Washington Perryman or related families: William and Caledonia Morey, Victoria Harris, Julia and Tice Woods, Mattie or Nora Childers, Jennie, Susan or Minnie Whitley, George W. Perryman, John Thomas Perryman.

I would be glad to hear from anyone who knows anything about these people or how I might get in touch with their descendants.

Respectfully,
ELIZABETH S. PARKIN
5634 SPYGLASS LANE
CITRUS HTS., CA 95610

MUSCOGEE NATION NEWS:

I would like to be in touch with some of the elder Creek Indians, Chief, or someone who knew my Grandfather and Grandmother, or something about my family.

My Grandfathers name was Wheaton Harry, he married Rebecca Harry. My father's name was Fraizer Harry. We lived in Sapulpa, Ok. My aunt Annie Mott which is her married name, the sister of Rebecca Harry, died and was buried on the Indian Reservation there in Sapulpa or the outskirts of Sapulpa. Please if anybody knows anything of my family or any them now living please contact me, and tell me what they know of them.

Thank you,
FABLE HARRY WALKER
1119 N. CLEVELAND 802
CHICAGO, ILL.

TO MCINTOSH DISTRICT VOTERS:

I would like to thank all the Creek citizens and all other friends that helped in electing me as their Representative of McIntosh District, especially the 219 who voted for me.

Thank You,
SANDY MCINTOSH



REVENUE SHARING PUBLIC NOTICE

The Creek Nation has submitted its report on the actual expenditures of Revenue Sharing Funds to the Bureau of Census, this report and supporting documentation are available for public inspection in the Office of the Treasury, Creek Nation Complex, from 8:30 a.m., Monday, January 17 through Friday, January 28, 1983.

HOME FIRE SAFETY How Do You Rate?

This Article Submitted By Indian Health Service, Okmulgee Field Office

Home fire safety is a situation that is most overlooked until after a fire has occurred and damage or injury is experienced. About one-half of the fire related injuries treated at IHS health care facilities have occurred **inside** the home. No home is completely fireproof, but the risk of a fire can be minimized by proper selection, installation, use and maintenance of heating devices.

How does your home rate as a fire risk? Consider the possible hazards and try to identify sources of flame or heat, the fuel or material that will ignite easily and burn fast. Then consider removing such hazards, or familiarize yourself and your family with proper methods of extinguishing fires or escaping if a fire occurs. Know how to reach the fire department or emergencies services quickly.

In the home, **the kitchen is often the most dangerous room due to open flames or exposed heated surfaces for cooking.** The kitchen also contains flammable liquids like grease, oils, and cleaning agents. Fire extinguishers kept for kitchen use should be the dry-chemical type to keep the fire from spreading. A quick way to stop a small fire, like grease in a skillet, is to smother it with a lid or non-flammable cover and turn off the heat source. In other rooms in the house, fireplaces and space heaters should be properly installed with adequate space on all sides away from furniture, drapes, paper and other flammable material. Check masonry and vents for soot build-up or blockages such as birdnests. **Proper ventilation and insulation also should be checked.**

Other considerations are electrical outlets and appliances. Don't overload outlets, repair or replace damaged cords. A blown fuse is a warning, find the cause and eliminate it. Be extremely cautious with smoking materials. **Don't smoke in bed or while lying down.** Don't leave matches or lighters where children can reach them.

The proper storage of flammable liquids is also important. **Gasoline should not be kept around the house.** If a small amount must be kept, store it safely in cans with pressure release valves and in well ventilated areas. Paints, thinners, and flammable cleaning agents should also be stored with care. Don't let rags, paper, or trash accumulate in the garage or near the house.

Don't panic if a fire begins, evacuate the house. . . get EVERYBODY OUT, then call the fire department. Never re-enter a burning house, the smoke and dangerous gases caused by fires account for about 80% of the fatalities associated with fires.

Escape injury, save property. Consider use of fire and smoke alarms. Reduce fire risk in your home and be safety conscious.

POSITION OPENINGS CREEK NATION

**PHYSICIANS
PHYSICIANS ASSISTANT
TEACHER
STAFF ATTORNEY
NURSES — both R.N. and L.P.N.**

The Creek Nation is currently actively seeking qualified applicants for several professional-level positions. Appropriate certifications and memberships are required. Creek Indian preference.

The Creek Nation offers a wide range of employee benefits, including health and life insurance programs, pension plan, dental plan, credit union membership, and legal services.

Contact: Personnel Services, Creek Nation, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, Ok. 74447, (918) 756-8700 ext. 223.

Births

Cheneya Elaine

Rick and Carla Youmans of Clarkston, Georgia, announce the birth of their daughter, Cheneya Elaine, born December 25. She weighed 5 lbs. and 3 1/2 ozs.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Freeman of Shawnee, Ks. and Elaine Youmans of Georgia. Great-Grandmother is Celia Berryhill of Okmulgee.

Tribe Gets Liquor License

The Muckleshoot Indian Tribe has entered into a cooperative agreement with the State of Washington for the sale of liquor by the tribe on their reservation in suburban King County outside of Seattle.

Under the agreement, the tribe will purchase state-taxed liquor for resale on the reservation. The state is the only authorized liquor dealer in the state. The tribe, according to the agreement, may undersell the state stores by as much as 10 percent and may stay open longer hours.

Previously, the tribe bought liquor from out of state -- with no state tax, but the state authorities arrested persons who were caught leaving the reservation, with untaxed liquor. A Supreme Court decision had earlier ruled that state taxes were required on cigarettes taken off the reservation, though such taxes were not required for on-reservation use. The principle of this case is thought to be applicable also to liquor sales.

Interior Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Ken Smith, complimented both the tribe and the state for negotiating a settlement of this liquor sales problem. "The tribal government and the state government have maintained their governmental authorities and have resolved a point of conflict through cooperation. The resolution appears beneficial to both governments."

Creek Nation To Exclude Non-Indian Health Care...

By Helen Chalakee

As of noon, January 10, Indian Health Service units across the nation were instructed by the federal government to treat only people of Indian lineage. This directive included all Creek Nation health care facilities.

The directive came about because of a congressional mandate in the 1983 Appropriations for the Department of the Interior (Public Law 97-394) signed by President Reagan on December 30, 1982 to restrict health care services to all non-Indians.

However, a provision in the law does provide for two exceptions. They are: (1) non-Indian women pregnant with an eligible Indian's child for the duration of her pregnancy, and, (2) non-Indian members of an eligible Indian's household if the medical officer in charge determines that it is necessary to treat them to control acute infectious diseases or they are a public health hazard.

Recently Creek Nation contracted all health care services within the boundaries of Creek Nation from Indian Health Services (IHS), making Creek Nation the largest IHS contractor in the state. Approximately 28,000 patients are seen annually through the Creek Nation Health facilities, and approximately 15 per

cent are non-Indians.

James Floyd, manager of Creek Nation Health Services Administration, said a shift in policy is now necessary to comply with the new law. Floyd stated, "We are going to phase out the non-Indian patients currently under treatment at our facilities that are not eligible. Creek Nation will assist those patients in referrals to private physicians. Copies of the non-Indian medical records will be sent at no expense to the private physician upon request," he said.

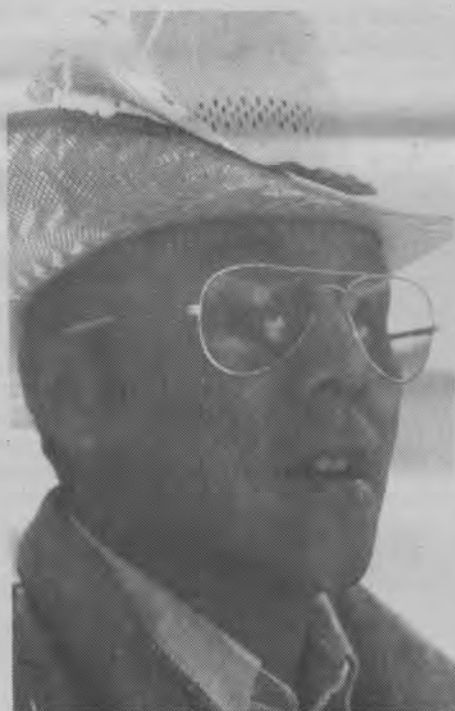
"No new charts will be made for non-eligible, non-Indian patients including non-Indian dependents," Floyd said. "However, non-Indian patients with previous appointments will be seen for that appointment," he added.

Other policy changes include no rescheduling of non-Indian patients. Non Indian patients with chronic diseases will be accorded one visit and then will be assisted by the staff in the transition to a private physician.

According to an Indian Health Service spokesperson, this will affect approximately 65,000 non-Indians in Oklahoma who have been treated in the past because they were married to Indians.



LILLIE COX, WIFE OF PRINCIPAL CHIEF COX, RECEIVES A \$500 CHECK FROM HASKELL ALUMNI REPRESENTATIVE, SID CARNEY. Her name was the lucky one drawn from a list compiled recently for an alumni recruitment drive in an effort to locate Haskell grads. Mrs. Cox (Lillie Simms) graduated from Haskell in 1942.



Prentiss Berryhill



Joy Redmond



Gary Thayer

Creeks Named To Management Positions

Principal Chief Claude A. Cox announced the selection of three tribal members to management positions within the Executive Branch of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

"It has long been my goal as Principal Chief to recruit and employ highly qualified Creeks in key management positions in our government," stated Chief Cox. "I am proud that Gary Thayer, Joy Redmond, and Prentiss Berryhill have joined our staff."

Gary Thayer, a resident of Broken Arrow, has become the Director of Fiscal and Management Services. Before employment with the Nation, Thayer was a financial analyst at Shell Oil Company. Serving in the military, Thayer was an interpreter and

translator for the National Security Agency in Ft. Meade, Maryland. In 1979, he received a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Oklahoma.

Joy Redmond recently moved from Hobbs, New Mexico to assume the duties of Supervisor of Personnel Services for the tribal government. Ms. Redmond graduated from American University in Washington, D.C., with a Masters of Public Administration degree in 1976. Undergraduate studies were received at New Mexico Highlands University. Ms. Redmond has considerable administrative experience in business, medical, and legal areas.

Prentiss Berryhill, a native of

Henryetta, Oklahoma, has been named Manager of Lighthouse Administration. Today, as well as historically, the Lighthouse are responsible for law enforcement and protection of tribal assets within the government. Berryhill retired with over twenty years of military service. At retirement from the Air Force, he was a Security Supervisor and had attained the rank of Master Sergeant. In addition to law enforcement experience, Berryhill received extensive training in management, leadership, and police skills.

"If we continue to be successful in recruiting and employing qualified tribal members, I have no doubt that our goal of self determination can be realized," Chief Cox said.

Business Assistance Now Available

If you are going into business for yourself or have already done so and need special assistance in certain areas such as bookkeeping, tax information, purchasing, marketing or finding a funding source, Creek Nation is now available for assistance through the Economic Planning Program.

Jim Wittman, recently employed by Creek Nation is located in the Planning Department in the Tribal Mound. He can provide both technical business assistance and outside service coordination for communities and individuals.

Wittman will also provide limited feasibility studies to potential operations, as well as working operational assistance to on-going ventures.

He can also evaluate operating businesses and service coordination with federal agencies resulting in increased community productivity. For more information contact Jim Wittman, 918/756-8700 extension 295.

Perry Bever Named Coach of the Year

Perry Beaver, Creek, coached the Jenks High School to win the Oklahoma State 5-A football championship, 1982. The Jenks team won over undefeated Midwest City. Jenk's assistant coach is Harry Red Eagle, Osage.



Remember When . . .

This Buckeye team won 2nd place trophy at the Iron Post tournament in 1958!



PRESENTING THE TROPHY IS TURNER BEAR, APPOINTED CREEK PRINCIPAL CHIEF BETWEEN THE YEARS 1957 AND 1961, TO TEAM MANAGER, TOM ANDERSON. Team members: (top row, l-r) Russell Cooper, Jose Smith, Sam Cooper, Joe Smith, Banson Hicks, George Hill, and Wilson Hicks. (bottom row, l-r) Hanson Hicks, Joe Hicks, Richard Cooper, Benny Flxaco, Eddie Smith, and Wilson Hicks.

Congress Extends Filing Date For Thousands of Indian Claims

The Senate passed a bill December 19 extending the deadline for filing Indian damages claims in the court. Panic had spread among Indians across the nation recently as a result of notices issued in late October and November by the Department of the Interior that the Federal government would not litigate or propose legislative solutions for the majority of 17,000 claims identified by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

These claims arose from trespasses on Indian land, damages to Indian property and other improper takings of Indian property before 1966. Indian claimants were informed that they had until December 31, 1982 to file suit. Many would have been forced to litigate claims that could have been handled out of court.

However, both Houses of Congress reached an agreement on Friday, December 17, to attach the extension of the deadline as a rider of the appropriation for the Department of the Interior. Administrative officials are optimistic that the bill will be signed by the President.

A decision issued by the United States District Court in Washington, D.C. on November 17, 1982 in which the court ruled that the federal government had failed to properly represent American Indians in its handling of the claims is widely credited with neutralizing the Administration's previously vehement opposition to an extension of the statute of limitations.

The decision was announced in a lawsuit filed by the Native American Rights Fund with the cooperation of 5 legal services programs on behalf of Indian tribes and individual Indians who held claims subject to the December 31 deadline.

The new extension bill provides for three new deadlines for filing claims by the government, tribes and individuals depending on how claims are classified by the federal government.

BEMO CHURCH

By Chebon White Cloud

The following dates will be church meetings for the first half of 1983:

January 30-Fourth Sunday
February 27-Fourth Sunday
March 27-Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday Services, Traditional Easter Services, Egg Hunt/Prizes, and afternoon services.
April 27-Lord's Supper/Communion Service.
May 22-late Mother's Day
June 19 - late Father's Day
July 17-Lord's Supper

OFFICERS FOR BEMO CHURCH:

Founder - Moses Gray, Mother of Church - Manoah Gray, Chairman - Jacob Harjo, Head Deacon - Chebon White Cloud, Head Woman Leader - Rena Bemo Gray, Secretary - Patsy Bemo Gray, Sisters - Edna Bemo and Lydia Harjo. **YOUNG PEOPLE:** Nekkuse Buck, Mark Randolph, Becky Randolph, John Harjo, Glen Harjo, Sissy Harjo.

We still have no ordained pastor, come one and all, visit and remember us in your prayers.

OBITUARIES

NORMA LEE

Funeral services were held December 11 at the Smith Funeral Chapel for Mrs. Norma Lee. Mrs. Lee was born in Sapulpa, March 13, 1932, and had been a lifelong resident there.

Survivors are her husband Tony of the home, one son Tony Jr. of the home; two daughters, Jeanie Sinor of Kiefer and Donna Ogburn of Sapulpa; her father Alfred Bevenue of Sapulpa; two grandchildren; one brother Alfred Bevenue Jr. of Sapulpa; five sisters, Josephine Tiger of Glenpool, Barbara Beaver, JoAnn Whitehead, Patty Bevenue and Wanda Bevenue, all of Sapulpa.

Officiating the service were Rev. Bridge Chuckluck and Rev. Solomon Bullett. Interment was in the Bixby cemetery.

Pallbearers were Marty Carr, Rick Carr, Kenny Carr, LeRoy Perkins, L.R. Perkins, Tommy Capehart and Dennis Beach.

JAY HAYNES

Funeral services for Jay Haynes, 69, were conducted at 2 p.m., Friday, December 31 in the Shurden Memorial Chapel. Rev. James McCosar officiated. He was assisted by Rev. Larry Chesser.

Interment was in the Hickory Ground Number One Cemetery under the direction of the Shurden Funeral Home, Henryetta.

Mr. Haynes was born June 26, 1913 in McIntosh County and died December 29 in Okmulgee. He was a farmer and a member of the Hickory Grounds Number One Indian Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Annie Haynes of the home; three sons: John Haynes, Stringtown; Felix Haynes, Okmulgee; and Daniel Haynes, Tulsa. Four daughters: Marie

Conley, Holdenville; Eloise Beaver, Louise Tecumseh, both of Okmulgee; and Cindy Smith, Weleetka. Four brothers: Lawrence Haynes, Gene Haynes, both of Henryetta; Roman Haynes, Glenpool; and Newman Haynes, Joliet, Illinois. One sister, Rosetta Morgan, Morris, 21 grandchildren and 13 grandchildren. Pallbearers were grandsons.

LEROY FRYE

Funeral services for Leroy Frye, 39 were held December 15, at the Parks Funeral Home Chapel.

He was born at Henryetta on February 16, 1943.

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Cindy Hohahta, Okemah; three half-brothers, Louis Hohahta, Germany, Joe Hohahta, Shawnee, Timmy Hohahta, Tahlequah; five half-sisters, Estella Berryhill, Arlina Smith, Annie Hohahta, Eugenia Scott, all of Okemah and Regina Hohahta, Tahlequah.

Interment was in the Sands Cemetery.

RUBY WILSON

Funeral services for Mrs. Ruby Wilson were conducted December 23 at the New Salem Baptist Church. Interment was in the Tuskegee Cemetery.

Mrs. Wilson was survived by two daughters, Mary Wilson, of Oklahoma City, Maetta Wilson of Tulsa, one son, Freddy Wilson of Norman and six grandchildren.

MELISSA WACOCHE LINDSEY

Services for Melissa Wacoche Lindsey of Okmulgee were conducted Wednesday, December 28 at the Tuskegee Baptist Church near Eufaula with the Rev. Dan Phillips officiating. Interment was at the Greenwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Lindsey died December 26 at the Okmulgee Memorial Hospital. She

was born April 12, 1914 in McIntosh County. She was a member of the Bird Creek Indian Baptist Church in Sasakwa. She was married to Buddy Lindsey, who preceded her in death in 1957.

She is survived by four sons: James Melvin Wacoche, Porum; Alex L. Lindsey, Henryetta; Mose Lindsey and Buddy Lindsey, both of Dewar. One daughter, Flora Lindsey, Eufaula; one brother, Johnsor Wacoche, Tahlequah; one sister, Mary Francis, Pierce; and 22 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

SALO FULSOM FELIX

Salo Fulsom Felix of Rt. 1 Kellyville, Ok. died Thursday Dec. 30, 1982 at Bartlett Memorial Health Center. She was born Oct. 1, 1900 in the Kellyville area where she lived all her life. She was married to James (Muskogee) Felix who preceded her in death in 1972.

Services were held at Owen Funeral Chapel on Saturday night, Jan. 1 with the Pickett Chapel UMC Pastor, Joe Lowe Jr. in charge. Speaker was Rev. John Lowe of Oklahoma City.

All night services were held at the Pickett Chapel U.M.C. on Sunday night. Speakers were: Rev. Earl Dunson, Jess Long, Rev. Harrel Jones, Rev. Jimmy Cahwee, Rev. Jess Sullivan and Maxine Bucktrot, representing the United Methodist Women.

Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 3, 1983 with Rev. Joe Lowe Jr. and Rev. Thomas Long in charge of services.

Surviving members of the family are daughters, Irene Parkinson, Bessie Cahwee, Mary Alexander, and Sara Whinery all of Kellyville. Two sons, James Felix Jr. and Amos Felix of Kellyville. 22 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

ECHOES FROM ARBEKA

By Eliza Hicks

We decked the halls and hung the holly and sang some tra-la-las on December 12, making ready for the Christmas party on the 18th. After we decorated the building and put lights on the tree we rewarded ourselves with lunch. The ladies wrapped gifts for children and visitors while the men took advantage of the sun shined day and did some bow and arrow shooting. After the "work" was finished we all sat around the stove and visited until late afternoon.

On the morning of the 18th, a few members arrived on the grounds early and sacked fruit and candy. Just after 6:00 p.m., our chairman, Houston Hicks, welcomed the visitors and our party began. What was supposed to have been a snack table turned into a dinner table. Besides the usual snack foods, there was stew, chili, "big soup", sandwiches, cakes and pies. Not exactly the traditional Christmas type food but everyone seemed to enjoy it. Before Santa made his appearance, all the children treated us to a few Christmas songs. Our Santa was a little lean for the character and he kept busy holding his padding in

place. There were gifts and sacks of candy for all. Guests were here from El Reno, Okla. City, Shawnee, Bowlegs, Sapulpa, Seminole and several other cities. That old saying, "The more, the merrier" certainly held true this night. Thanks to all who attended for making our evening a success.

Courtney Josie, one of our little toddlers, spent a few days in the Henryetta Hospital due to a slight touch of pneumonia. Also, Jonas Artussee was confined to the Okemah Hospital for a week shortly before Christmas. They are at home now, and we hope they stay well.

Our January calendar lists these events: Jan. 8, bingo and food sale to benefit Cinda Thompson; Jan. 16, regular monthly meeting at 2:00 p.m. following covered dish lunch at noon; Jan. 22, bingo and food sale beginning at 6:00 p.m., proceeds go into utilities fund; Jan. 29, bingo and food sale beginning at 6:00 p.m. sponsored by Houston Hicks for camping fund. Everyone is welcome to attend these activities. We make some of the best hamburgers, we dare you to buy one.

We hope the new year of 1983 holds happiness and good health for all.

DEWAR COMMUNITY NEWS

By Eliza Hicks

Our activities during November were down to a minimum except for our twice weekly quilting sessions. Most days we take our lunch and spend all day at the center. Sometimes it seems our mouths work faster than our fingers but we're making progress. We've finished three quilts for non-members, one for the community and presently working on one for a member. After the holidays we hope to start working on a variety of hand made items to sale. Some of our ladies don't quilt and this will give them something to do.

On Dec. 21st we had our Christmas dinner and "special" guests were senior citizens of this and Okmulgee communities. After a welcome by our Chairman, Stanley Smith spoke briefly and Dave Tulsa offered prayer before our meal started. Our menu consisted of baked ham, baked duck with rice dressing, baked chicken with cornbread dressing and giblet gravy, chicken and dumplings, vegetables, salads, hickory nut sofke, sour bread, and desserts. Our time of preparation was a little short and next year we hope to repeat the dinner and hopefully, our guest list will include you. Gifts were distributed to all and even though Santa didn't show, the Christmas spirit was present.

The Lewis Bible Family had a Christmas reunion at the Center on Christmas day. All their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were present and there couldn't be a nicer time of year for a family gathering.

Our Chairman, George Hicks, and his wife Mollie had their daughter, Lawaunta Soap and family home for the holidays from Kayenta, Arizona.

Several members of our community have been ill with the flu and various illnesses. We wish them better health for the New Year.

In the very near future, we plan to have a 10 cents sale of our rummage

items. We're also looking forward to our next bingo which will probably be next month.

We invite the Indian families of the Dewar Community to come join us. Your contribution to our existence by your presence is most welcome and much needed. Our regular meeting date is 6:00 p.m. the first Monday of each month and our quilting days are Tuesdays and Thursdays. This community includes the Henryetta, Hitchita, Hoffman, Schuler and Tiger Mountain area.

Two of the community residents are hospitalized at this time. Island Dunzy was very seriously injured in a car wreck near Edmond and underwent amputation of a leg. She is presently in Mercy Hospital, Oklahoma City. Leah Davis is in the Okemah Hospital with a foot infection.

Our New Year's wish for all is a year of love and peace.

KELLYVILLE COMMUNITY NEWS

By Dalsy Harris

Kellyville Community met December 13 for a Christmas party and gift exchange. Business session was conducted by Chairman Demmie Washburn and minutes were read by Secretary Wilma Dunn.

It was decided to have a chili supper at the next meeting on January 3 and members were asked to donate food items. Bill Harris won the door prize. Santa Clause was present for gift exchange. Refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Vannis E. Dunn announces the birth of a daughter, Tonya Rose, born November 2, 1982 at Claremore Indian Hospital. Tonya Rose weighed 8 lbs., 6 ozs. Grandparents are Delbert Dunn and Shirley Brown of Kellyville and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Maxfield of Ojo, Arizona. Great-grandparents are Mona Mike and Ralph Dunn.

Okmulgee Community News

By Pearl Thomas

During the month of November and December the Okmulgee Indian Community were kept busy with activities concentrated on the beautiful holiday seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Our Thanksgiving program consisted of the opening prayer and call to order by the President, Cora Derrisaw. The speaker for the occasion was Rev. Eugene Sunny. He presented the meaning of Thanksgiving as it was in the beginning biblically, the coming of the whiteman to the Americas, and what it should mean to us in this day and time. This presentation was most inspiring as there were native hymns sung and the message was given in the Creek and English language.

Following the message, the order of business began with reading the minutes which were read and approved. The treasurers report was given and approved. A progress report on the community building was read by the secretary. The estimated move in date for the community has tentatively been set for November 22nd.

A group of OIC Senior Citizens attended the Senior Citizen Classic Games in Okla. City at O.C.C. College, Oct. 28, 1982. Certificates were presented to each person and first, second and third place ribbons were given for dart games, walking events, and exercis bingo. Each participant received a T-Shirt. Those attending were Helen Bunney, Bernice Thomas, Elizabeth Harjo, Lilly Berryhill, Cora Derrisaw, Mahala Chalakee and Stella Bevenue with Chiquita Juneau as the van driver.

There were (2) two Thanksgiving food baskets given by the O.I.C. to families in need.

The monthly door prize was donated by Patricia Thomas, a OHS student.

Special guest in attendance were Vice-Chief, Rev. George Miller and wife Lucille and Councilman Richard Lamey.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Rev. George Miller.

Cake walk and bingo were enjoyed by the (55) fifty-five people who were in attendance following the business session.

OKMULGEE FIRST INDIAN BAPTIST

The First Indian Baptist Church of Okmulgee youth hosted their adopted grandparents to a Christmas party, December 11. The youth decided to give of themselves this Christmas season to the Senior Adults of their Church. Stew, chili, various kinds of salads, and desserts were served. They all had fun playing games, and singing Christmas carols.

Gifts were given to the adopted grandparents. Senior adults in attendance were: Mr. and Mrs. Willie Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grimes, Mrs. Stella Harjo, Mrs. Betsy Taroyle, Mrs. Reba Butler, Mrs. Dora Starkey, Mrs. Wilma Belvin, Mrs. Bessie McNac, Mrs. White, Mrs. Melissa McCoy, Mrs. Marion Davis, Mrs. Jones, Esther Gee and Linda Bacon are co-sponsors of the Church Youth Group.

The OIC Christmas Dinner was held on December 13 at the Creek Nation Complex. The opening prayer was given by Rev. Togo Berryhill.

The meal was prepared by Jimmy Jones with members bringing a covered dish and many appetizing desserts.

The Reverend George Miller presented an inspiring message on the meaning of Christmas and what it should mean to us as it did to those who first encountered the birth of Jesus Christ. The message became more meaningful as Christmas carols were sung and led by Pearl Thomas. The closing prayer was given by Rev. Miller. Approximately 50 people enjoyed the fellowship.

Special guest were Representative Shurden, Rev. and Mrs. George Miller, Chief and Mrs. Claude A. Cox and Councilmember, Richard Lamey.

The door prize was provided by Steve Wilson and won by Mahala Chalakee. It was a tepee lamp.

This past year has been a year full of joy, sadness, special times, fun and fellowship for all of us and I wish each and everyone the best of everything during the year of 1983. May God Bless You and Keep You in His Care!

CHECOTAH COMMUNITY NEWS

We the Checotah Indian Community, met on December 21, 1982, to reorganize our community. The Planning Committee, Mr. Curtis Fish was our guest speaker.

Our new elected officers as follows: Chairman, Joe July, Vice-Chairman, Frank Belcher; Secretary, Naomi Killingsworth; Assistant Secretary, Leatrice Marshall; Treasure, Hannah July and Reporter, Sue Harper.

Our next meeting was held Jan. 4, 1983 our guest speakers were: Jim Whitman, Paul Tiger and Curtis Fish. We had 20 present at the meeting.

We set our boundaries as far south to Bridge Port, West to Tiger Mountain, North to Wainwright, East to Duchess Creek.

We would like all Indians that live within these boundaries to attend these meetings. We will be meeting once every month.

Meeting will be held Jan. 11, 1983 at Lucas Library, in Checotah at 7:00 p.m.

The following people attended the last meeting: Roy and Rhonda Leafatiller, Anita L. and Mickey Burns, Melissa O. Martin, Jeanetta Anderson, Leona Fox, Charlene Newton, Naomi Killingsworth, Frankie Carr, Frank Belcher, Lee and Steve Marshall, Richmond Carr, Sue Harper, Clara and Hannah July, John Pigeon, Joe July and guests Curtis Fish, Paul Tiger and Jim Whitman.

Creek Nation Citizenship Board Reminds You To Enroll as a Creek Citizen!

From Creek Nation Staff:

You Done Real Good, Tommy!

By Gary Robinson

Former Muskogee Nation News editor, Tommy Cummings, was recently promoted to the position of sports editor for the Muskogee Phoenix, a daily newspaper published by Gannett News Service. His promotion came after working 16 months as a sports writer for that paper.

Sports writing came easy, Cummings says, because it combines two of his favorite activities—sports and writing. He played high school basketball at Hanna, and then went on to study journalism in college. After attending OU for a year and Eastern State College for two years, Tommy jumped into the fast-paced world of newspaper work.

Working as a sports writer for a McAlester newspaper first and then news writer for the Henryetta Free-Lance, the 3/4 Creek Indian then decided to try Indian journalism for a while. In February 1981, he took the job as editor of the Muskogee Nation

News, putting out a consistently good monthly newspaper for the Creek tribe.

But, eventually, his longing for sports writing got the best of him, and later that same year, he went to work for the Phoenix. Cummings and his wife, Ramona, and their two children, Tommy Jr. and Tiffany, moved to Muskogee so he could pursue his sports writing in earnest.

Once there, his writing abilities really blossomed, and in 1981 he won the "Top Sports Column Award" given by the Associated Press/ Oklahoma News Editor's Association.

Now that he is sports editor, Cummings is in charge of the paper's sports coverage, has two writers working for him, and determines what ends up on the sports page. The 24 year old is the youngest sports editor the Phoenix has ever had. When asked if he plans to stick with a sports writing career, Tommy replied, "Of course. Where else could I work and get paid for going to ball games?!!



Low Sodium Diet

Creek Nation Nutritionist Available For Restrictive Diet Counselling

By Helen Chalakee

Widespread publicity on the overuse of sodium in the daily diet has helped make people much more aware of the danger it presents to their good health. Judy Rolland, Creek Nation Nutritionist with the Commodity Food Distribution Program, is available for counselling on this and other restrictive diet problems.

"Sodium is an ever-present element in the human diet. Although, it is vital to good health and nutrition, most of us consume more of it than is needed," Rolland explained. "However, cutting down on salt alone, the major source of sodium for most individuals, may not be enough," she added.

"Let's face it. Limiting the amount of sodium in one's daily diet is not a simple task. The sodium conscious person has to be knowledgeable and disciplined about the foods they eat. If your physician has prescribed a low or no salt diet for you or you feel consuming less salt will be beneficial to your good health, do some homework! Learn how to pick those foods that are low in sodium and avoid those that are high in the substance," Roland said. "Sodium restriction is critical in the treatment of high blood pressure and other diseases. It means working closely with a doctor or professional dietician, or both, to plan a proper diet," she said.

Roland suggests some points to remember in the preparation of meals without frying for a sodium restricted diabetic: Always select lean meats. Steam, broil, bake, boil, or include them in soups and stews. thinly sliced meats or liver can be pan fried with the small amount of fat that is allowed in the meal plan. USE NO SAUCES OR GRAVIES. Meat or chicken broth can be made fat-free by refrigerating and then removing the hardened fat. The same can be done for greasy stews.

Eggs can be poached; soft or hard cooked; deviled; and fried or scrambled with the small amount of fat allowed in the diet plan. Vegetables can be steamed; cooked in a small amount of water or meat broth; baked used in stews and soups, and eaten raw.

Potatoes, summer squash, pumpkin and similar vegetables can be baked, boiled, steamed, mashed, scalloped, or used in stews and soups. Again, USE NO GRAVIES OR SAUCES. Fruits can be eaten raw or cooked without sugar. Breads, when homemade, should be preferably leavened with yeast instead of baking powder or soda. Dough used for Fry Bread or Meat Pies can be baked instead of fried. All foods should be measured or weighed as accurately as possible. Use standard measuring utensils; and a small food scale to

weigh meat. You should eat no more or nor less, than you allowed at each meal.

For more information on specific nutrition problems contact Judy Rolland at the Tribal Complex.

Commodity Food Distribution Offices Moved To Main Office Building at Complex



The Yeager Headstart Christmas Program

Bacone College Starts Classes January 12

Enrollment for all new and returning students at Bacone College in Muskogee, Ok., is now in progress, according to the Office of the Registrar.

Spring semester classes will begin on Jan. 12, and the last day of enrollment will be Jan 25.

Class offerings include art, silversmithing, bronze casting, humanities and religion, music, health and physical education, language arts, journalism, mathematics and science, computer science, nursing, radiologic technology, business and business mid-management, secretarial science, home economics and social science.

In addition to regular daytime classes, 12 evening classes will be available, each class meeting one night a week.

Bacone College was founded in 1880 in Indian Territory. It is the oldest continuing college in the state of Oklahoma, and the oldest college in the United States specializing in education for American Indian students. Bacone is a two-year liberal arts college which awards the associate of arts degree.

For more information concerning the courses or enrollment, contact the Office of the Registrar, Bacone College, Muskogee, Okla. 74401, or call 918-683-4581, ext. 205.

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A report by Americans for Indian Opportunity on the newly revised definition of who is Indian as defined by the Department of Education.

To Be Or Not To Be...INDIAN!

American Indians have been defined, labeled, categorized, and re-defined since the time of our earliest contacts with non-Indians. Columbus is probably the easiest example which comes to mind since he is credited and/or blamed with mis-labeling us as Indians. In the past, the names given Indian individuals and whole tribes often had no relation to their own descriptive names for themselves. And rarely did the recorder go to the source to obtain their direct input. History seems bent on repeating itself, as in the current case of the 1982 "Revised Report on the Definition of Indian", which attempt to offer statistical data to aid in defining who is Indian, yet it does so with no mention of Indian input.

A year ago, on September 24, 1981, a Congressionally mandated Definition of Indian study was transmitted from the unwilling hands of the Department of Education. While this study was deemed to be valuable for its inclusion of Indian input summarized from 14 regional hearings, and for its discussion of selected issues of the state and non-federally recognized tribes, it was flawed by faulty data, a fact admitted to in a disclaimer letter forwarded to Congress from Secretary Terrell H. Bell. Assurance was given that the Education Department would transmit more accurate data within a year's time. The revised report was recently transmitted to Congress on September 30, 1982. According to the November 17th issue of the Federal Register, the public is welcome to obtain a copy and provide comment within 30 days.

My office, Americans for Indian Opportunity, obtained a copy; we have spent no small amount of time reviewing it. Several questions about the study must be raised.

While the 1981 study was rejected for its lack of authenticated data, this current report provides a data base that is not much more plausible. Granted that the 1982 report includes larger compliance of data that is more carefully categorized and analyzed; nonetheless, the fact remains that the source of data utilized in this second report are as questionable as the first.

Throughout the document, the author admits that he is presenting only estimates, some of which are even called "indirect or relatively crude estimates". Phrases such as "our guess is..." and "we've arbitrarily deduced..." lead one to question the validity of the data and its ensuing generalizations. The Executive Summary also states the report's accuracy is "... open to question".

No less than four sources of governmental data were utilized, including: the 1980 census, a special set of tabulations on school-age Indians based on the 1980 census, the 1970 census, the 1976 Office of Civil Rights Director of Public Elementary and Secondary School Districts, and the 1982 Individual Indian Student certification forms (form "506"). There are problems associated with the veracity of all of these sources.

Indian people have always questioned the validity of census data as it relates to us. Many Indians refused to complete the census forms feeling tired of additional federal bureaucracy and not wanting to be further tracked by the government. In urban centers where a portion of the Indian population may move frequently, follow-up interviews by census enumerators are rarely carried out with Indian families.

Another point about census data is that it relies solely on unverified reports on household respondents. It represents self identification counts, not verifiable, documented counts.

Figures produced by the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) are more accurate since they rely on local school district's reporting on the number of Indian students enrolled in each school. The counts submitted may be gathered directly from classroom teachers who guess at each estimate given by a principal. **In either case, the data remains wholly unsupported.**

The information based on "506" forms is equally as questionable since it too permits self-identification. Parents need only write in how they wish to represent their child's race. No documentation is required.

One of the more disturbing facts about the report, besides the data base, is that it continues to encourage a split between urban, rural and reservation

residents. The arbitrary distinctions made between 50 states in the report make this split obvious. A primary generalization offered in the reports is that Indian youths in urban areas are in less poverty, include fewer dropouts among them, speak their tribal language more infrequently, and are less educationally disadvantaged. All such generalizations, based on faulty data to begin with, seem to infer that Indian students in urban areas are in less need of the program services. Many arguments could be made to encounter such a statement.

Although the report alludes time and again to the problems with Local Education Agencies (LEAS) maintaining or commencing involvement in the program, it is nowhere addressed at length, as it should be. What can be done to improve program operations in order to induce LEAS to take part so the local Indian youths might benefit?

Concern originally arose over the issue of **Who is and who isn't an Indian for purposes of receiving Indian Education Program services in 1977, when a GAO report forwarded to Congress referred to the many abuses by individuals who were taking advantage of the broad definition of Indian to claim Indian heritage and enable their children to engage in special programs and services not otherwise available to them.**

This problem of identifying eligible students was compounded by the manner in which the grant size has always been determined. By this I mean that the amount of money a project receives is based solely on the number of Indian students counted, the more money received. In like manner, concern continued to grow about the inflated figures some districts transmitted.

However, rather than see the sole remedy to this problem as a tightening of the definition, we must look at how the issue might be programatically resolved also. Should this amount of funds awarded be based on need, proposed program objectives, and many other factors rather than on student population count? **Might eliminating the correlation between population size and eventual grant size cause school districts to be less tempted to alter and/or inflate student counts and give rise to more accurate data reporting?**

Throughout the report, the author admits that he cannot come up with any recommendations, although several are implied. Nonetheless, it is left to the Secretary of Education himself to provide some straightforward recommendations. Yet, how is he to do this? What will he possibly be able to use to base his judgement on? **When his own staff admits their data is open to question, what can Secretary Bell use as guidelines?**

A major flaw and one that is extremely frustrating to Indians across the country, is the lack of Indian input in this second report. The 1982 reports states clearly that it is meant to supplant the 1981 report, primarily with new statistical data. But an error is made by excluding Indian input. **By so doing, most readers of the second report will not go back to, or have available to them, the testimony summarized in the 1981 report.** It is most unfortunate that the Department of Education did not see fit to incorporate new data accompanied by the previously obtained Indian input. Indian country again feels its future is being determined based on faulty statistical data. Yet this in important (which we feel is still lacking in the 1982 report), it must be tempered by human input. **Why doesn't Congress ask Indians: What do you feel your definition should be? What are your suggestions for improving data reporting?**

Why, like Columbus and others, do people insist on going to every other source but us to determine who we are and who amongst us should or should not be eligible for particular services? Why not ask and see how many individuals and organizations feel that the Federal government really has no right to legislate who is an Indian, and that only tribes have a right since only tribes can determine who their tribal members are? When will others quit defining who we Indians are??

For interested individuals who wish to receive a copy of this public document, the "Revised Report on the Definition of Indian", you can telephone the Department of Education at (202) 245-7025.

MUSCOGEE NATIONAL COUNCIL APPROVED NOVEMBER MINUTES

INVOCATION: Rev. Lee Chupco. **Call to Order:** Speaker, Kenneth L. Childers. **Roll Call, members present were:** Helen Chupco, Andy Bible, Richard Lamey, Nelson Johnson, Carney Roberts, Clarence Cloud and Kenneth Childers. With seven members attending this meeting a quorum was declared and it was considered that all business transacted during this session to be valid and all transaction will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws.

READING OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the October 30, Quarterly Meeting had been prepared and mailed prior to this meeting. The Chair entertained a discussion. Several recommended changes were made and the Chair entertained a motion. **Motion:** Richard Lamey made a motion to approve the minutes with the recommended changes, motion was seconded by Roberts. Upon a motion duly made, and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Five in favor, none against, no abstentions. Motion carried.

EXTRA-ORDINARY SESSION: The minutes of November 10, 1982 Extra-Ordinary Session were prepared and mailed prior to this meeting. The Chair entertained a discussion, there not being any, the Chair entertained a motion. **Motion:** A motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Cloud to approve the minutes. A roll call vote was taken with the results being: Six in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: NCA 82-66. An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Ratifying Contracts with the City of Morris, Oklahoma and the City of Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Ordinance was read and considered as follows: **Section 101.** The Contingency Contract between the Muscogee Nation and the City of Morris, Oklahoma, date November 27, 1982, is hereby ratified by the Muscogee Nation. **Section 102.** The Contingency between the Muscogee Nation and the City of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, dated November 27, 1982, is hereby ratified by the Muscogee Nation. The Ordinance having been read, the Chair entertained discussion. Discussion was held with Chupco making a motion to amend Section 101 and 102 by adding the phrase "Pertaining to Railroad Reservations" making the sentence to read: "The Contingency Contract pertaining to Railroads Reservations Sites" between the City of Morris, Oklahoma, date November 27, 1982, is hereby ratified by the Muscogee Nation and "The Contingency Contract" pertaining to Railroads Reservation Sites" between the Muscogee Nation and the City of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, dated, November 27, 1982, is hereby ratified by the Muscogee Nation. Motion was seconded by Lamey. Roll call vote was taken with the results being: Six in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion Carried. **The Chair Entertained a Motion:** A motion was made by Chupco and seconded by Bible to approve NCA 82-66 as read with the amendments. Roll call vote was taken with the results being: Six in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried.

NCA 82-67. An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Confirming a Nomination to the Citizenship Board. The ordinance was read and considered as follows: **Section 101.** The nomination by the Principal Chief of Dorothy Barnett a citizen of the Muscogee Nation, to serve as a member of the Citizenship Board is hereby confirmed to fill the unexpired term of Raymond O'Hern, as provided by Ordinance. The Chair entertained a discussion: Discussion was held on the phrase "as provided by Ordinance" and a recommendation was made to delete this from the sentence as the Council does not determine the terms of the members of any board as that would be left up to the Board. The Chair entertained a motion: A motion was made by Lamey and seconded by Johnson to amend Section 101 by deleting the phrase "as provided by Ordinance". Roll call vote was taken with the results being: Six in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried. The Chair entertained a motion for approval or disapproval of NCA 82-67 after the amendment. **Motion:** A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Roberts to approve NCA 82-67 as read. Roll call vote was taken with the results being: Six in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried.

NCA 82-68. An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Confirming a Nomination to the Citizenship Board. The Ordinance was read and considered as follows: **Section 101.** The nomination by the Principal Chief of Brent Hale Jr., a citizen of the Muscogee Nation, to serve as a member of the Citizenship Board is hereby confirmed to fill the unexpired term of Raymond McGilbray, as provided by ordinance. The ordinance having been read, the Chair entertained discussion. Discussion was held on the phrase "as provided by Ordinance". The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Lamey and seconded by Bible to delete the phrase "as provided by Ordinance". Roll call vote was taken with the results being: Six in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried. The Chair entertained a motion: A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Roberts to approve NCA 82-68 as read. Roll call vote was taken with the results being: Two in favor, none against and four abstentions. Voting Results: Chupco - Abstain, Bible - Abstain, Roberts - Yea, Cloud - Abstain, Lamey - Abstain, Johnson - Yea. Motion carried.

NCA 82-69: An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Amending the Citizenship Ordinance to Require the Return of Enrollment cards as a Prerequisite to Resignation **and to provide for Enforcement of this Ordinance.** The Ordinance was read and considered as follows: **Section 101.** The tribal ordinance establishing the Citizenship roll and providing for its maintenance, NCA 81-06, is hereby amended by adding a new Section 5011, to read as follows: **RESIGNATION OF ENROLLMENT:** Any enrolled citizen of the Muscogee Nation may resign their enrollment in the Muscogee Nation by: **A. Presenting their enrollment card to the Citizenship Board. B. Executing forms prescribed by the Citizenship Board which indicate that the resignation is voluntary. C. Resignations of enrollment shall become effective thirty (30) days after the enrollment card is returned, or twenty (20) days after required forms are executed, whichever is later. Section 102.** The Tribal Ordinance establishing the citizenship roll and providing for its maintenance, NCA 81-06 is hereby amended by adding a new Section 5012, to read as follows: **FRAUDULENT USE OF MUSCOGEE NATION ENROLLMENT CARDS:** **A. The fraudulent use of any Muscogee Nation Enrollment Card, either as person identification, to register to vote, to become eligible for any benefit, or for any other fraudulent purpose, by any person other than the enrolled person to whom the enrollment was issued or by their authorized representative, or by any person, who has resigned their enrollment in the Muscogee Nation, is a violation of tribal law. B. Reports concerning violations of this section may be referred to the tribal Lighthorse Administration. C. General Counsel to the Muscogee Nation is authorized to prosecute offenders of this section in the tribal courts of the Muscogee Nation.** The Chair Entertained Discussion: Discussion was held on the title and recommendation was made to change the words "pre-requisite" to the word "condition", and "Felony" to "Violation of Tribal Law" and to add the word "administration" to the end of the sentence to Section 102.(B) The Chair Entertained Motion: Motion was made by Chupco and seconded by Johnson to amend NCA 82-69 in the title and Section 102 as recommended. Roll call vote was taken with the results being: Six in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried. The Chair Entertained a Motion For Approval or Disapproval of NCA 82-69. Motion was made by Lamey and seconded by Chupco to approve NCA 82-69 as read after the amendments. Roll call vote was taken with the results being: six in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion

NCA 82-70 An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation providing for Cost of Living Increase in the Salary of the Secretary of the National Council. Ordinance was read and considered as follows: **Section 101.** The tribal ordinance establishing the compensation of the Secretary to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council is hereby amended by adding a new section, Section 105 to read as follows: **Cost of Living Increase.** The salary of the Secretary to the Muscogee National Council shall be automatically increased whenever the salaries of employees of the Office of the Principal Chief are adjusted for "Cost of Living", and such increase shall be in the same manner and effective the same date of said "Cost of Living" adjustments. Said increase shall become a part of the Secretary's salary as if such were adopted by Ordinance. The "Cost of Living Increase" for the Secretary to the National Council shall become effective this day and shall be retroactive as of October 1, 1982. The Ordinance having been read the Chair Entertained a Motion. Motion was made by Lamey and seconded by Bible to approve NCA 82-70 as read. A roll call vote was taken with the results being: six in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried.

NCA 82-71. An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Authorizing Tribal Officers and Employees to Negotiate an Agreement with the State of Oklahoma on Indian Child Welfare Issues. Section 101. The following officers and employees of the Muscogee Nation are hereby designated as the sole persons authorized to negotiate on Principal Chief, Delegate; Executive Director, Delegate; Legal Counsel, Delegate; Director of Government Policy and Research, Alternate; Director of Division of Community Services, Alternate. **Section 102.** Any agreement negotiated pursuant to Section 101 of this Ordinance shall be subject to ratification by the Muscogee National Council. The Ordinance having been read, the Chair Entertained Discussion: Discussion was on the officers and employees who would be serving as a delegate or alternate, and it was suggested that a member of the Committee on Indian Child Welfare be appointed as a

delegate. The Chair Entertained a Motion: A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Cloud to amend Section 101 by adding "Chairman, of the Indian Child Welfare Committee, Delegate" to the list of delegates and alternates. Roll call vote was taken with the results being: Five in favor, none against and no abstentions. Mrs. Chupco did not vote because she is the chairman of the Committee on Indian Child Welfare. Motion carried. The Chair entertained a motion for the approval or disapproval of NCA 82-71. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Cloud to adopt NCA 82-71 as read. Roll call vote was taken with the results being: Six in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

NCA 82-72. An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Proposing Further Intrusion Into the Cultural Integrity of Locapoka Town Historical site in Tulsa District of the Muscogee Nation. The Chair Entertained a Motion: Motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Lamey to add NCA 82-72 to the Agenda for consideration into today's meeting. Roll call vote was taken with the results being: six in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried.

NCA 82-72: An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Opposing Further Intrusion Into the Cultural Integrity of Locapoka Town Historic Site in Tulsa District of the Muscogee Nation. The Ordinance was read and considered as follows: **Section 101.** Findings. The National Council finds that: **A.** Locapoka tribal Town of the Muscogee Nation settled on a great bend in the Arkansas River nearly 150 years ago after their forcible removal from Locapoka Town on the last tribal reservation in Alabama. **B.** Locapoka Tribal Town religious leaders, after the customary prayer and fasting, selected a site for the continuance of their traditional Muscogee Indian religion. **C.** The ceremonial center of Locapoka Town also contained a field for stick-ball games, downhill away from the Arkansas River. **D.** The only Upper Creek town to settle on the Arkansas River, Locapoka became an important ceremonial ground for Muscogee people to meet other tribes, such as the Osage, Cherokee, Shawnee, Delaware and many others. **E.** West of the ceremonial ground maintained for stompdance ceremonies, stands a very large and extremely old oak commonly known as the "Council Oak Tree". **F.** The "Council Oak Tree" is listed upon the National Register of Historic Sites. **G.** To the Muscogee people, the entire Locapoka town site is a historic site consisting of the ceremonial ground, the ball field, and the "Council Oak Tree". **H.** The City of Tulsa has proposed to widen Cheyenne Avenue from downtown, past the "Council Oak Tree", and between the Locapoka ceremonial area and the Locapoka stick-ball field, to become a primary route for traffic exiting the down town Tulsa area. **I.** The proposed project will have an adverse effect upon the environment, as it would increase the exhaust fumes which the "Council Oak Tree" is exposed to, and may harm the health of the "Council Oak Tree". **J.** The proposed project will have an adverse effect upon the cultural integrity of Locapoka Town Historic Site, as the through traffic will visually and physically diminish the cultural unity of the Locapoka ceremonial area and the Locapoka stick ball field. **Section 102.** The Muscogee Nation opposes the improvement of Cheyenne Avenue for the purpose of creating a major arterial street, as such may harm the "Council Oak Tree", and as said project will diminish the cultural unity of the Locapoka Town Historic site. The Chair Entertained a Motion: A motion was made by Lamey and seconded by Bible to approve NCA 82-72 as read. A roll call vote was taken with the results being: Six in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Requested the Board of Economic Affairs to be Present at the Planning Session. 2. Requested the Environmental Services Administration Staff to be present at the Planning Session. 3. Requested a status on a Copying Machine.

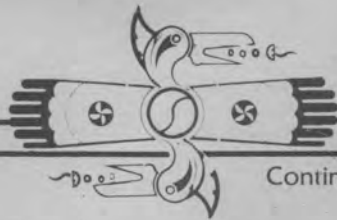
ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Johnson and seconded by Robert s and upon a unanimous vote of approval the meeting was adjourned.

BENEDICTION: Helen Chupco.

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Five Tribes Want Area BIA Official Removed

A decision to seek removal of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Muskogee Area Director, Thomas J. Ellison, was unanimously voted into action by the four Principal Chiefs of the Creek, Choctaw, Seminole and Cherokee Nations and the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation.

The decision came about at the quarterly meeting of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes held in January at McAlester.

Creek Principal Chief Cox, as President of the Inter-Tribal Council, requested all tribal leaders be present at that meeting for the introduction of the removal proposal. For the first time in several meetings, all four Chiefs and the Governor attended to discuss the possibility of removing the area director from office.

Chief Cox said his major concern has been the area office effort to reduce the authority at the agency level. In the case of the Muskogee (Creek) Nation, the Okmulgee Agency has provided a wide range of services to the Creek people at the local tribal level. However in recent months, the area director has attempted to remove decision-making authority out of the local level and back to the area office.

Cherokee Chief Ross Swimmer said his complaint was that the Cherokee couldn't get anything done through the area office.

Chief Cox explained that the problem at the area office was one of leadership, not staff. He stated, "I will continue to fight any effort that will create a hardship on our people. When conducting business as tribal citizens, it serves no useful purpose for us to travel between various cities when the task can be completed at the tribal level." He added, "With increased services at the Tribal level and new direction at the area office, Indian citizens will benefit greatly."

In a letter to Kenneth Smith, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, the tribal leaders stated the area office, under the direction of Ellison, would not take prompt action on matters affecting tribal governments and their citizens. As one Chief stated, "When action was taken... the action tended to disrupt and interfere with operations of the tribe."

Almost a week later, Ellison commented to the Muskogee Phoenix newspaper that he would not resign... but, noted he was eligible for retirement after 36 years with the Bureau.

Recently the Creek Nation contracted all services to the Creek tribe formerly operated by the B.I.A. The transition of operations and services came about easily for Creek Nation, having been well planned in advance.

Most of the Bureau services were a duplication of tribal services. Now with the services consolidated, Creek Nation can administer more effective

and efficient programs with less confusion to the people about exactly what is available and how and where services can be obtained.

Chief Cox stated his ultimate goal has always been for more direct service to the tribe, and less administrative bureaucracy. "The Creek Nation has a chance now, and we are proving this can be accomplished," he added.



Okmulgee Sweethearts . . .

The Okmulgee Indian Community Valentine's Day Sweetheart Contest produced these winners: (front row, l-r) Toby Watashe, LaQuita Adams, Alisa Woodfield. (2nd row, l-r) Annette Washington, Simon Shane Sloan, David Lee Sloan. (3rd row, l-r) Ronald Parker, Juanita Factor, April Joy Thomas.

C.N. Health Clinics Add Services

Schedule changes are taking place at the Creek Nation Health Clinics. The changes are due to additional services now being offered at the clinics.

One such service now available at the Sapulpa and Eufaula Clinic, as well as the Twin Rivers Community Action Program in Holdenville, is the Creek Nation Social Service Program. This service will be on site at least one day a week to administer assistance to participants on a temporary emergency basis, based on need and degree of Indian blood.

General assistance from the program consists of income while participants are waiting on any type of state or federal aid such as AFDC, SSI or Welfare applications to be processed.

The CN Social Services cannot assist in supplemental income while anyone is on any type of training program. Also the Social Services cannot pay for any type of medical expenses for the participants.

However, the program will act as an advocate with other agencies in acts of appeals. In some instances, if the participant qualifies under the guide-

line, supplemental income can be provided for those receiving Social Security or V.A. assistance.

Another service offered by the CN program is Burial Assistance. This assistance is based on lack of resources of the deceased. Resources will be evaluated and up to \$510 can be paid directly to the funeral home. The deceased must have resided within the CN boundaries and must have been 1/4 or more Indian blood.

According to Kevin Sanders, manager of the CN Social Service Program to be eligible for the program, one must meet the guidelines for assistance set by the State Department of Welfare and must be 1/4 or more Indian blood of any tribe. Also they must reside within the boundaries of Creek Nation with the exception of the city of Tulsa and the counties of Wagoner and Muskogee. For Wagoner and Muskogee counties you need to contact the Bureau Social Services Program in Muskogee located in the Federal Building.

Direct services are also offered for

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CREEK NATION JOB OPENINGS

All positions listed below are open for employment with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and are Creek Indian preference. Fringe benefits include: legal services, maternity benefits, continuing education and reimbursement, major medical health insurance and life insurance with cancer coverage if requested. Positions are five (5) days a week, eight (8) hours a day, more than two (2) weeks annual leave and sick leave during first year's service, affiliation with a credit union for payroll deduction and liberal holiday leave with full pay and a retirement plan. For application please contact the Muscogee (Creek) Personnel Office located in the main building at the Tribal Complex, Okmulgee, Oklahoma.



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PHARMACIST

REQUIREMENTS: Specialized college training, certification in the state of Oklahoma. Prior working experience in pharmacy preferred. Will work in clinic environment. Ability to speak Creek helpful. Will report to the Director of the clinic. Competitive salary.

LAND OPERATIONS OFFICER

Job Description: Responsible for the planning and execution of proper land use on all restricted land within the jurisdiction of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Also responsible for planning, organizing and directing the Land Operations Program for the Muscogee Nation. Serve as consultant on all matters pertaining to the land operations program and interpreting the program to other branches of the tribe and other government agencies. Confer with, and advise tribal groups on all matters relating to soil and moisture conservation programs, as well as the over-all surface leasing operating of tribal lands, including preparation of leases and preparation of lease sale advertisements. Also direct and participate in a sustained educational program among Indians and lessors to impart and stress the importance of proper land use.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Revenue Sharing Budget Hearing

The Muscogee (Creek) National council will hold a public budget hearing on February 26, 1983 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the auditorium of the Independent Agencies Building (Mound) located at the Creek Nation Complex in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. All tribal members (especially) Creek senior citizens) are invited to attend and provide the Council with written and oral comments and ask questions concerning the tribal government's entire proposed budget and the relationship of Revenue Sharing funds to that budget. The entire proposed budget, a statement on the proposed uses of Revenue Sharing funds and the proposed budget summarized below can be inspected by the public from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. each work day in the Principal Chief's office in the Tribal Capitol complex located in Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

2 (two) HEALTH FIELD

REPRESENTATIVES/CASE WORKERS

Job Description: To make home visits, provide some health training, referrals to appropriate agency or health facility. Provide information, referrals, and assistance for obtaining services from tribal and other service organizations.

Duties: Visit homes of clients, provide training health programs, first-aid, and report to supervisor on conditions of home environment. Interviewing tribal members to obtain information for health and social related programs. Assisting with filling out program applications. Relating information concerning tribal and other service

programs.

Education: High school, G.E.D., Training in health related fields.

General Experience: Experience with home visits and first aid.

Specialized Experience: Have an ability to speak Creek language and a knowledge of communities.

CREEK FESTIVAL GIFT SHOP

Open 8:00 a.m - 5:00 p.m.

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Individual and family counseling. The Social Service office is located at the Tribal Complex in Okmulgee. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., weekdays. for scheduled dates and times at the health clinics, see the clinic schedules listed below. For social services in the Holdenville area, contact Twin Rivers Community Action Program on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Another service added to the clinics is Family Planning. Rita Ray, Family Nurse Practitioner, is available at scheduled times at all the clinics for well child and OB care. All the clinics operated on an appointment only basis, except for emergencies. The following schedules for each clinic are now in force:

OKMULGEE HEALTH CENTER 756-8700 extension 322

General Clinic: Tuesday Afternoon, 1:00-5:00, Walk in Basis

OB Clinic-Family Planning: Wednesday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon, Walk in Basis

General Clinic: Thursday 8:00a.m.-5:00 p.m., Walk in Basis

EUFAULA HEALTH CLINIC 689-2547

Social Services available 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon. Gyn Clinic: 2nd and 4th Thursday, 8:00a.m.-5:00 p.m., by appointment. **Pediatrics:** Dr. Carla Wilsey - Full day, every other Friday. **Dental Clinic:** Hours 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Emergency treatment till 4:00 p.m. For all clinics, walk in patients will be seen between no-show and scheduled appointments.

Diabetic Appointments: 7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., Monday thru Friday except Tuesday.

Pre Natal: 7:00 - 10:00 a.m., Tuesdays.

Regular Appointments: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. each weekday.

Dorm Students: 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. each weekday.

WIC Program: 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays.

SAPULPA HEALTH CLINIC 224-9310

Social Services available every Wednesday from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Monday: General Clinic and Dental Clinic

Tuesday: General Clinic and Dental Clinic

Wednesday: General Clinic and Dental Clinic

Thursday: OB, Family Planning, Well Child and Dental Clinic

Friday: Family Planning, Diabetic, Dental Clinic 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon, Clinic closed in the afternoon.

OKEMAH HEALTH CLINIC 623-0555

Monday: General Clinic, Well Child and Pediatric Clinic

Tuesday: OB, High Risk OB, Gyn, Dysplasia-Family Planning.

Wednesday: Diabetic and General Clinic

Thursday: General Clinic, clinic closed in afternoon

Friday: General Clinic

1983 PROPOSED REVENUE SHARING BUDGET

REVENUE SOURCE	GENERAL FUND	REVENUE SHARING	SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	ENTERPRISE FUND	TOTAL
Judgements	348,445				348,445
Federal Grants	1,811,444		7,400,693	2,108,784	11,320,921
REVENUE SHARING		112,658			112,658
Entitlement					
TOTAL	\$2,159,889	\$112,658	\$7,400,693	\$2,108,784	11,782,024
EXPENDITURES					
Tribal Government	\$2,159,889	72,658	563,214		2,795,761
Economic Development			415,424		415,424
Health		10,000	425,315	2,108,784	2,544,099
Vocational Training			2,767,491		2,767,491
Education			1,103,565		1,103,565
Planning & Research			200,253		200,253
Community Development		25,000	425,397		450,397
Welfare		5,000	1,500,034		1,505,034
TOTAL	\$2,159,889	\$112,658	\$7,400,693	\$2,108,784	11,782,024

White House Announces American Indian Policy Statement

The full text of President Reagan's American Indian Policy statement, announced January 14, was issued by the White House January 24. The policy reaffirms the government-to-government relationship of Indian tribes with the United States.

It forcefully calls for a fostering and encouraging of self-government for Indian tribes. The policy states the Reagan Administration is determined to turn the goals of stronger tribal government and less federal involvement in tribal affairs into reality. It explicitly rejects the termination policy and philosophy.

The policy statement identifies a number of actions to be implemented to help build up tribal governments and to improve economic conditions on the reservations. These included such recently passed laws as the Tribal Government Tax Status Act and the Indian Non-Lease Minerals Development Act.

The policy directs that White House relations with Indians should now be handled through the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs -- with other

governmental units -- rather than the Office of Public liaison, which deals with special interest groups.

For the development of reservation economies, the policy directs the establishment of a special Presidential Commission, which the President established by executive order on January 14. It also notes that the President initiated the legislation that will bring \$375 million for road construction to Indian reservations in the next four years and requested funding for fiscal year 1983 for two new BIA initiatives to help small tribes and to provide seed money for development enterprises on the reservations.

About two hundred Indians participating in the National Congress of American Indians meeting in Washington, D.C., attended a White House briefing January 26 on the Indian policy statement. Morton Blackwell, a special assistant to the President in the Office of Public Liaison, arranged the meeting with NCAI leaders. Blackwell introduced Rick J. Neal, special assistant from the

White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, the office that will be dealing with Indian tribes in the future -- rather than Blackwell's office.

Robert Carleson, the President's special assistant for Policy Development, told the group that the President took an active role -- and personal interest -- in the development of the policy statement. Carleson also indicated that there would be an ongoing program of further Indian policy development, on such topics as Indian education or Indian health matters.

Interior Assistant Secretary Ken Smith, who chaired the working group, that created the draft policy statement, spoke about the challenge to Indian governments presented by the policy. "It means that tribal governments," he said, "have a long agenda ahead of them in the coming years -- an agenda to address the economic, educational and social needs of our people. The platform for determining the needs, the priorities -- and solutions -- is yours. We must draw upon the best minds within each tribal

community for ideas to solve our problems."

Basketball Tournament Scheduled at Morris

The Big Cussetah Indian Methodist Church is sponsoring an Invitational Basketball Tournament at Morris High School gym, March 11-13. Deadline to enter is Friday, March 4. Contact William (Oscar) Beaver, 918/733-4734.

MEN'S

First 12 teams to enter. Double elimination. Entry fee: \$65.

1st place team and individual trophies.

2nd place team and individual trophies.

3rd place team trophy.

Sportsmanship trophy.

MVP Award-All tourney player.

WOMEN'S

First 8 teams to enter. Single elimination. Entry fee: \$35.

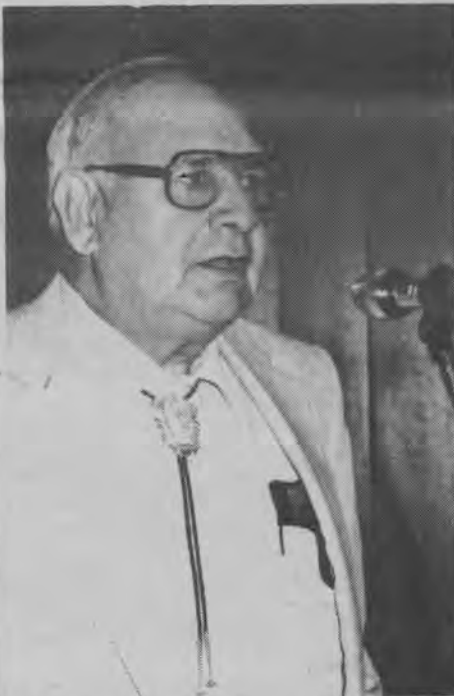
1st place team and individual trophies.

2nd place team trophy.

Sportsmanship trophy.

An Address By Principal Chief Cox to the Muscogee People, January 29, 1983:

State of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation



In the early 1970's, when I became the first elected Principal Chief in over 50 years, our Tribal Government was not operational. Since that time, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation has experienced successes unequalled by other governments. After years of work by many Creek citizens, tribal members ratified a new Constitution in 1979. The Constitution now forms the foundation of our government and has passed early tests of its validity. In recent years, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation has made remarkable progress in two basic areas. The first area is economic and community development. Prior to my

election as Principal Chief, tribal lands were being lost or being leased below market value. I am proud to say that has been reversed. Today, a multi-million dollar Agri-Business operates on tribal land. The twenty-five year development plan provides a basis for economic development. During the next twelve months, I will be announcing the expansion of new areas of economic development which will provide profit and additional employment for the tribe.

Community development has been a priority of my office. Organized Indian Communities provide input into tribal government, as well as respond to unique needs of tribal citizens at the local level. Within the last three years community facilities have been acquired in Weleetka, Dewar, Okmulgee, Wetumka, and Coweta. Using a variety of Programs, seed capital for community enterprise has been provided to local groups in Duck Creek, Okfuskee, Eufaula, Glenpool and Wetumka. The Tribal Store located in Okmulgee offers low cost food items to tribal citizens. The store is collecting the first tribal tax initiated in many years. The

Wetumka Indian Community is the first community outlet which also collects tribal tax.

The second area of progress has been in services to our people. To enhance the Creek Nation Community Hospital, the Tribal Government began operation of outpatient clinics in Okemah, Eufaula and Sapulpa. In recent months, tribal citizens have seen expansion in services offered at the clinics. Our goal of a Comprehensive Health system has become a reality. In order to eliminate gaps in services, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation now operates programs formerly provided by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. With greater tribal control, the need of our people will be better met.

While the past year has been a difficult time for many businesses and governments, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation has had the strength to confront new problems faced by an increasing number of our people. An example is the establishment of our Commodity Food Program. This program, the only one of its kind in Oklahoma, has provided food to over 6,500 people during the first three months of operation.

In order to serve the Creek people, it is necessary that our tribal government strive for excellence in its activities. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation recently received the Certificate of Conformance for Financial Reporting from the Municipal Finance Officers Association. By receiving this award, the Tribe became the first government unit in Oklahoma, and the first Tribal Government in the United States to be so honored.

Despite economic problems on the national level, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation has continued to progress. The Tribal Government, in accordance with Federal Law, currently has \$15,353,772. invested in interest generating accounts. Of this amount \$2,251,154 represents the interest which has accrued during the last fiscal year. The proposed tribal expenditure is expected to be approved in the near future.

It is with confidence that I inform all Tribal Members that the State of The Muscogee (Creek) Nation is strong. Now is the time for unity. With continued effective leadership, competent management, and citizen support, I feel sure that we will hold our place as the most productive Tribal Government in the United States today.



Celia Freeman Berryhill recently celebrated her 93rd birthday. Pictured with her are daughters (left) Elsie Douglas and (right) Hepsey Freeman, and son Benjamin Berryhill.

Celia Berryhill Honored on 93rd Birthday

Celia Freeman Berryhill was honored this past January for her 93rd birthday. Celia was born on January 12, 1890. Her parents were the late Hettie Checotah Gibson and John Freeman.

Many relatives and friends gathered to honor her with a dinner and birthday cake and ice cream at Newtown Methodist Church. Celia received many beautiful gifts.

Celia had nine children; Benjamin and Aaron Berryhill, Elsie Douglas - all

of Okmulgee and Hepsey Freeman of Shawnee, Kansas; five children are deceased. Celia has 27 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grand child.

Celia wishes to thank all her relatives and friends who prepared the dinner, were in attendance and those who sent gifts. Your kindness is most appreciated for making Celia's 93rd birthday one of her happiest.

Letter From Evangelist Ernest Best . . .

DEAR CO-LABORERS IN CHRIST:

"They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters, these see the works of the Lord, and His wonders in the deep". Psm. 107:23, 24 We praise the Lord that He has called us to do business for Him in great waters, and we see His wonders performed. It is a glorious thing to see God work!

During the month of January, we were in many churches in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas, preaching the word and sharing the burden of our heart concerning the reaching of the American Indians with the gospel. God has blessed. We have seen some saved, and others come for prayer and commitment of their lives. God has spoken to many about the needs of our people.

God has blessed in a very special way in meeting one of our personal needs. We asked you to pray with us about our need of a travel trailer. The Lord has answered that prayer! We were in a church for the first time, showing the slides of our work and preaching. The pastor had not received our newsletters and didn't know of our need. As we were discussing our work, he ask if there was any one thing that we needed that would cost a lot of money, I told him, "Yes, we need a travel trailer." That dear brother helped us get one at cost, and committed his church to pay for almost half of it. Praise God! We can never thank Him enough for the blessings we receive from Him. He is faithful! "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and He shall give thee the desires of thy heart. Commit thy way to Him; and He shall bring it to pass." Psm. 37:4,5 "Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." Eph. 3:20.

We ask now that you help us pray that the Lord will move upon the hearts of His people and churches to help us have the \$6,400.00 needed to pay the note off by the first of August.

As you receive this letter, I will have already begun with revivals among our people. The first one is in Phoenix and then at Shunz, Nevada, among the Paiute people. There is no church in Shunz. Some of you will remember slides of Shunz. Please pray for the revival and the need of the pastor to be used of the Lord to build a church there.

We are getting excited as God is opening doors and our 1983 calendar is filling up. We will be sharing with you some of the great opportunities of service God is preparing. He said "Behold I set before you an open door..." and what a tremendous door it is! Please hold us before the Lord in your prayers, that He may be glorified, His kingdom built up and people saved. Paul said, "Brethren my heart's desire and prayer for Israel is, that they might be saved." This also is my prayer for my kinsmen in the flesh.

Once again, we say thank you for your support. We truly are co-laborers together with Christ. Without your support, we could not do the work to which our Lord has called us. We are blessed here as we serve Him, but we (you and I) will also have rewards in heaven.

BROTHER ERNEST & BENNIE BEST

OBITUARIES

ISLAND DUNZY

Funeral services for Mrs. Island Dunzy, 64, were conducted on Tuesday, January 18, at the Silver Springs Baptist Church, with Rev. A.J. Tiger officiating the service.

Interment was in the Daniel Family Cemetery on Tiger Mountain.

Mrs. Dunzy was born on March 13, 1918 in McIntosh County and was a member of the Silver Springs Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Donnie Dunzy, Okmulgee, and David Dunzy, Dewar, two daughters, Della Dunzy, Okmulgee and Cilla Britt, Dewar; four brothers, William Daniel, Okmulgee, Johnny Daniel, Lawrence, Ks., Johnson Daniel, Wichita, Ks. and Jimmy Daniel, Colorado Springs, Co., one sister, Suzy McIntosh, of Dallas, Tx. and six grandchildren.

OSCAR LONG

Funeral services were conducted for Oscar Long, 80, who died February 8 in the Creek Nation Community Hospital. He was born November 7, 1902 in Seminole and resided at 702 West 10th, Okmulgee. He was a member of Hickory Grounds Number Two Church.

Survivors include two sons, Robert Long, Henryetta and Jimmy Long, Shawnee. Two daughters, Pauline Long, Okmulgee and Ida Sawyer, Wewoka. Two sisters, Ida Mae Martin and Betty Jo Huntsinger of Maude; fifteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

AMOS JOSE HARJOCHEE

Services were held Tuesday, January 11, for Amos Jose Harjochee at the Prairie Springs Baptist Church, west of Okemah with the Rev. John Factor officiating. Mr. Harjochee died January 8 in the Creek Nation Community Hospital at the age of 64.

He was born August 10, 1918 at Paden. At the time of his death he was the Chief of the Okfuskee Tribal Town and had been employed with the Bundy Candy Company in Oklahoma City for many years.

He is survived by his wife Juanita Unussee Harjochee of the home. Six children, Irene Cully, Ada, Barney Harjochee, Ada, Martha Duvall, Ada, Timmy Harjochee, Ada, Mollie Harjochee of the home, and Newman Phillip of the home; and eight grandchildren.

Interment was in the Unussee Family Cemetery.

ETTA HARJO

Services were held January 24, for Mrs. Etta Harjo, age 82, at the Buckley Funeral Home. Interment was in the Harjo Cemetery.

Mrs. Harjo was born May 10, 1900 in Mena, Arkansas. She was a housewife and lived in Wetumka for 75 years. She was a member of the Hickory Grove Baptist Church.

Her husband William Harjo, preceded her in death in June of 1969.

Survivors include one daughter Anna Belle Wallace of Wetumka; two sons, Wilcie Harjo of Henryetta, and Bobby Joe Harjo of Weleetka; eight grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

MINNIE DEER SPOCOGEE

Minnie Deer Spocogee died February 9 at Gallup, New Mexico. Funeral services were conducted at Little Quarsarty Indian Church, north of Wewoka. Interment was in the church cemetery.

OSCAR HARJO

Funeral services for Oscar Harjo were conducted February 18, at the Hutchachubba Indian Baptist Church with Rev. George Harjo and Rev. Brian Jesse officiating.

Interment was in the Harjo Family Cemetery south of Ryal.

Mr. Harjo died February 15 in the Henryetta Medical Center. He was born August 6, 1897 in Ryal, Indian Territory. He was a retired farmer and pastor of Hutchachubba Church.

Survivors include: three daughters: Liza Bucktrot, Annie Harjo, Alice Lewis, all of Henryetta; two stepsons: Buster Bear and Claudie Fields, Henryetta. One half-brother, Charlie Taylor, Garland Texas; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Vann Autry Killed In El Paso Accident

By Cheney Baldwin

Two days before his 67th birthday, Vann Autry was killed instantly on an El Paso street about 10:30 p.m., December 15, 1982.

Vann graduated from Weleetka High School and Oklahoma University at Norman as an architectural engineer. He worked for steel companies in Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Muskogee and El Paso. Vann was closely associated with Mr. and Mrs. Duane Baldwin in El Paso. He and Cheney had known each other all their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin had his remains sent back to Wetumka for burial in Weleetka Cemetery.

He is survived by his Mother, Fannie Robinson Autry; one son, Brick; and one daughter. One brother, Mel Autry; two sisters, Callie Jane and Elizabeth Autry. He was preceded in death by an older brother, Frank Autry. Vann loved his Indian blood and always tried to make the Robinson Reunion each year. He will be missed by his relatives and friends.



Five Tribes Museum Craft Show in March

The Five Civilized Tribes Museum in Muskogee has scheduled the Craft Show for March 20 through April 25 this year. The reason for this is to make it possible for the thousands of visitors who come to Muskogee for the Azalea Festival to attend. They should increase sales and awareness of the Craft Show. For more information contact: The Five Civilized Tribes Museum, Agency Hill-Honor Heights Drive, Muskogee, Oklahoma 74401 or phone (918) 683-1701.

COMMUNITY NEWS

DEWAR

By Eliza Hicks

The snow kept falling and we went right on with our food sale and bingo game the night of February 4. In spite of the weather, the house was almost full. Glenda and Buddy Scott donated a beautiful turquoise and coral ladies ring and a leather and beaded key holder for which we played a special game. Gloria Hicks took the ring and Liddy Taylor won the keyholder. Our next bingo will be March 4 with food sale starting at 5:30 and bingo at 7:00. This is a half hour earlier than our usual time.

In our last meeting the treasurer reported two quilts sold and we are now working on a member's quilt. Progress has been a little slow because of illness and the weather. Hopefully, we'll be back in full swing soon.

Our sympathy goes to the family of Island Dunzy, a member of this community, who expired last month. She was a member of Silver Spring Baptist Church and had many relatives and friends of this area.

On February 22 and 24 we are having an inside sale of used clothing and miscellaneous items and on the 26 all unsold items will be priced at ten cents.

Helen Bible was chosen our quilt committee. She will accept the orders for quilting and record all transactions in this program. She may be contacted at 652-8108 afternoons on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

We were all encouraged to contact Indian families of this area and encourage them to join our activities whether they are able to actively participate or not. Even those who are unable to work because of a disability are welcome to attend. Their presence will be uplifting to our morale.

Our regular monthly meeting is on the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Rev. Lewis Bible invites one and all to attend services at Grave Creek Baptist Church every other Sunday. Their next meeting will be Feb. 20.

OKFUSKEE

By Mary Walters

The Okfuskee Community meeting for January was cancelled because of holidays but, we had a special call meeting of January 17 at 7 O'clock at Joe Hicks residence, we had Curtis Fish attend our meeting. The community would like to especially thank Chief Cox for the support and help for our community.

We had our fund raising for January at Joe Hicks residence and like to thank everyone that came to help support our community.

Most of our members have been ill. Mr. and Mrs. Deeringwater have been ill and Henry is in the Hospital at Tulsa. Jesse Hicks has been ill also and was in Wetumka Hospital but, now at home. Susie Gammill is still ill but, doing much better and is at her home. Because of the flu going around everyone had been getting sick especially for the elderly and children.

Our next meeting will be Feb. 5 at 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Joe Hick's residence. Our fund raising for our community will be Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m.. Also, Juanita Harjochee will be having a fund raising on Feb. 19th at her home for funeral expenses. Everyone is welcome. Amos Harjochee was a member of our community. He died on January 8th 1983. Services were held at Praire Spring Indian Baptist Church, under the direction of Webb Funeral Home. Interment was at Family Cemetery.

One of our members Johnny Hicks is attending welding school in Okmulgee. And we would like to wish everyone a Happy Birthday in the month of January.

Creek Nation Citizenship Board Reminds You To Enroll as a Creek Citizen!

Creek Nation Commodity Food Program DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE

First & Third Tuesday of every month

Holdenville Community Action Bldg.
Coweta-Cedar Creek Church
Glenpool Indian Mission

9:30a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 1 & 15
9:30a.m. to 11:30a.m. 1 & 15
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Second & Fourth Tuesday of every month

Hanna-Vernon Community Center
Ryal-Yardeka Community Center
Wilson - Warehouse Distribution
Dewar - Warehouse Distribution
Morris - Warehouse Distribution
Weleetka Community Center

9:30a.m. to 11:30a.m. 8 & 22
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Second & Fourth Wednesday

Okemah-High Springs Church

9:30a.m to 4:00p.m. 9 & 23

First & Third Thursday of every month

Stidham-Big Arbor
Eufaula-IHS Parking Lot
Bristow-Muteloke Church
Kellyville-Community Center
Twin Hills - Warehouse Distribution

9:30a.m. to 11:30a.m. 3 & 17
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Second & Fourth Thursday of every month

Yeager Mission Church
Checotah Creek Nation Day Care Center
Wetumka Community Center

9:30a.m. to 11:30a.m. 10 & 24
9:30a.m. to 4:00p.m. 10 & 24
1:30p.m. to 4:00p.m. 10 & 24



EUFULA BOARDING SCHOOL . . .

This photograph was submitted by the daughters of Annie Maude Vandersillee (center), who is now 83 years old. The photo was taken at Eufaula Boarding School. According to the daughters, the girl on the left is Salina Carr and the one on the right is a McIntosh. At that time the Principal was Mrs. Camel and the music teacher was Mrs. Pope. Annie's father was Thomas Vandersillee and her mother was Patience C. Hosey. Annie was born near Paden. She was married to Clarence Robertson and later to O.R. Cook. Annie has lived the past 30 years in California and is now in fair health.

WELEETKA

By Ethel Torres

The Weleetka Indian Community Center had as honored guests at their dinner meeting held at their community center Creek Nation dignitaries. Chairman Nettie Scott introduced each guest speaker. Steve Wilson who spoke on available emergency funds at his office in the "Mound" at Creek Nation Complex,

Ron Scott on renovation of homes in Creek Nation, James Floyd spoke on the available health care in our district, Paul Tiger on the Commodity Program and Chief Cox spoke on the programs now in effect and how successfully all are progressing.

On the previous meeting one of the items of business was discussed on the annual dinner held in May for the graduating freshman, and Seniors and their parents.

The first Saturday night of each month was designated for fund raising events - cake walks, food sales to help defray operating expenses at the center.

Delivery dates for the Weleetka food program have been changed to the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

The wheel chair ramp has been completed in front of the center and bathrooms installed in the upstairs. A good turn out was present.

Much prayer, and condolences to Mrs. Jimmie (Nellie) Asbury, the daughter Patsy Pike whose husband Richard Pike died February 4 with a fatal heart attack while cutting wood. They have three surviving sons, Mark of Ada, Glen of Weleetka and Chris of Tulsa.

Services were held at the First Baptist Church of Weleetka with Rev. Dan Fletcher in charge of services. Interment was in the Weleetka Cemetery.

MORRIS

By Kay Willie

The Morris Indian Community is in the process of reorganizing. They have held two meetings during the month of January, once in the Praire Bell school located four miles west of Morris, and will meet again Thursday, February 17, 1983 at 7:00 p.m.

During the first meeting of the Morris Indian Community Center approximately twenty to thirty people attended and it was decided by unanimous vote of the citizens that the Morris Indian Community would once again reorganize. An election of officers was held with Jimmy Jones being elected as the Chairman, Dorothy Holatha, Vice-Chairman, Kay Willie-Secretary, Twyala Beaver, Secretary, and Glen Jones as Custodian.

During these meetings a community project was discussed and is presently in the process of developing a "Temporary Job Service" which will benefit the Indian Citizens as well as the Community. This

"Temporary Job Service" will provide jobs for the unemployed, retired and school students. The project is presently in a first draft form and is need of an over all evaluation (census) of the number of Indian citizens that reside in the Morris Community that are out of a job and the types of jobs that each can perform. If you are a member of the Morris Indian Community and are interested in participating in this project contact one of your Community officers at the Creek Nation Complex, Okmulgee, at 756-8700.

All Indians residing within the Morris Community boundaries are welcomed to attend. The Morris Community will hold their meetings on a monthly basis, on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m., at the Praire Bell School.

APPROVED DECEMBER MINUTES OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATIONAL COUNCIL

INVOCATION: Rev. Lee Chupco. **CALL TO ORDER:** Speaker, Kenneth L. Childers. **ROLL CALL:** Helen Chupco - present, Nelson Johnson, present, Andy Bible - present, Clarence Cloud - present, Carney Roberts - present, Richard Lamey - present, Kenneth L. Childers - present, one vacancy. A roll call having been taken with seven members being present, a quorum was declared and it was decided that any and all business transacted during this session would be considered valid and would be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws.

READING OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Lamey to approve the minutes as read. Motion having been made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Six in favor, none against, and no abstentions. The minutes of November 27, 1982 were approved as read.

OLD BUSINESS: none. **NEW BUSINESS:** The new business consisted of five Ordinances these ordinances were read and considered as follows: **NCA-82-73. An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Supporting the Continuance of Federal Appropriations for Title IV Indian Education. Section 101.** Findings. The National Council finds that: **A.** Title IV Indian Education Programs, Parts A, B, and C are programs which supplement the efforts of local educational agencies to provide educational opportunities to Indian children. **B.** Title IV Indian Education programs, by their utilization of the Indian Parent Committee throughout the planning and implementation of the local program, not only provide needed educational services but also builds parental leadership and fosters the spirit of self-determination. **C.** Title IV Indian Education programs are a necessary educational service provided because of trust responsibility of the United States government as evidence by the Secret Articles to the 1790 Treaty; the third paragraph of the 1827 Treaty, and Article III of the 1889 Agreement; between the United States and the Muscogee Nation. **Section 102.** Declaration of Policy. The Muscogee Nation supports the continuance of federal appropriations for Title IV Indian Education, Parts A, B, and C. **Section 103.** The Principal Chief is directed to provide copies of this ordinance to appropriate members and committees of the United States Congress. The Ordinance having been read, the Chair entertained discussion. There not being any discussion, the Chair entertained a motion. **Motion:** Lamey made a motion to adopt NCA 82-73 as read. **Second:** Johnson seconded the motion. A motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: six in favor none against and no abstentions. Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and by a unanimous vote of approval, NCA 82-73 was adopted as read.

NCA 82-74. An Ordinance of the Muscogee Nation amending the ordinance providing for regular and special election. A motion was made by Lamey and seconded by Roberts to change the word "Chairman" wherever it appears as "Chairman". Upon a motion duly made, and having been seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Five in favor, none against, and one abstention. Voting results: Chupco - yea, Bible - yea, Cloud - yea, Lamey - yea, Johnson - abstain, Roberts - yea. Motion carried. The amendment having been approved as read, the Chair entertained a motion for the approval or disapproval of NCA 82-74. A motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Bible to approve NCA 82-74 as read. A motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Four in favor, two abstentions, and none against. Roll call vote: Chupco - abstain, Bible - yea, Cloud - yea, Lamey - Yea, Johnson - abstain, Roberts - yea. Motion carried.

NCA 82-75. An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation advising and consenting to the expenditures of funds owed to, owned by or belonging to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The Ordinance was read and considered as follows: **Section 101.** As required by the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, the National Council has advised and consented to the expenditures of funds owed to, owned by or belonging to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and said action has been taken by ordinance. **Section 102.** Current limitations and stipulations which are binding upon the Principal Chief in the expenditure of funds are expressed within Ordinances of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, including but not limited to: Tribal Contract Resolution NCA 81-62, Tribal Budget Ordinance NCA 81-83, Controller Ordinance NCA 81-05. **Section 103.** Future limitations and stipulations which shall be binding upon the Principal Chief in the expenditure of funds shall be expressed in: **A.** Amendments to this Ordinance, or to existing Tribal Ordinances, enacted through the Ordinance Process. **B.** Future Tribal Ordinances and any amendments thereto. **Section 104.** The authorities of this Ordinance shall expire at 11:59 P.M., December 31, 1983, unless renewed or repealed by Ordinance. The Ordinance having been read and considered, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Chupco to adopt NCA 82-75 as read. A motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Six in favor none against and no abstentions. Motion carried.

NCA 82-76. An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation amending the Tribal Judicial Code to Provide that Tribal Institutions of Government are Exempt from Tribal Court Filing Fee Costs. Section 101. Notwithstanding any other provisions of Tribal Ordinance NCA 82-30, the Judicial Code of 1982, the following institutions of the tribal government of the Muscogee Nation are exempt from any fee or cost of filing suit in the tribal courts of the Muscogee Nation. **A)** Executive Branch, **C)** The National Council. The Ordinance having been read the Chair entertained discussion. Many questions were asked regarding the filing fees and cost of the courts. Councilman Roberts advised the Council that a filing fee and court costs had been set by Mr. Perryman at \$125.00 and after a request from the Council for a reduction of the cost of filing, Mr. Perryman had advised the Council that he had reduced it to \$75.00. Mr. Standing Bear, Legal Council advised the Council that it would not be constitutional for the Council to determine and set a filing fee or court costs for the judicial system as that branch of government would have to set a court of rules or procedures itself. As it stands, there has not been a justified filing fee, and after checking into documents, there is not any documentation on any court cost or filing fees. With Discussion continuing, Mr. Johnson made a motion to postpone NCA 82-76 with the motion being seconded by Richard Lamey. The Chair advised Mr. Johnson that a motion had not been entertained and continued on with the discussion. Mr. Standing Bear suggested that a list of items, such as the filing fees, courts costs and exemptions, or other items similar to the ones contained in the ordinance be submitted to the Supreme Court for a decision as to feasible, then they would in turn submit their findings to the Council for their approval. There wasn't any definite statement on this suggestion, the Chair entertained a motion. **Motion.** A motion was made by Lamey, and seconded by Cloud to postpone Ordinance NCA 82-76 until further study could be made. A roll call vote was taken with the results being: Five in favor, one against, no abstentions. Motion carried.

NCA 82-77. An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation pertaining to selection of Vendors for Tribal Programs. The title was read by the Chairman and he in turn advised the audience that this ordinance had been reviewed and discussed earlier during the Review/Discussion session held at 9:00 a.m. and it had been requested by Mr. Lamey to postpone this ordinance as it had not been what he had asked for when he requested an



SANDY McINTOSH, NEWLY ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE for McIntosh District to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council is shown being sworn into office by Council Speaker Kenneth Childers.

ordinance of this type. The ordinance was not read and the Chair entertained a motion. **Motion.** A motion was made by Lamey and seconded by Chupco to postpone this ordinance. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Six in favor, none against and no abstentions. **Motion carried.**

Items for Consideration:

NCA 82-78. An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation granting an easement of the City of Okmulgee on Tribal Lands in Okmulgee District. A brief discussion was held and the Chair entertained a motion to place this item on today's agenda for consideration by the Council. **Motion.** A motion was made by Lamey and seconded by Johnson to place NCA 82-78 on the agenda. A roll call vote was taken with the results being: six in favor, none against and no abstentions. **Motion carried. NCA 82-78 was read and considered as follows:**

An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Granting an Easement to the City of Okmulgee on Tribal Lands in Okmulgee District. Section 101. An easement for utility line purposes is hereby granted to the city of Okmulgee, an Oklahoma municipal corporation, for the following described tribal lands: A tract, piece or parcel of land located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 32, Township 14 North, Range 13 East, Okmulgee County, Oklahoma, and Okmulgee District, Muscogee Nation, beginning at a point 25 feet west and 25 feet North of the intersection of Miami and Eufaula Streets; thence west a distance of approximately 355 feet; thence North a distance of approximately 520 feet in width for a temporary construction easement and being 25 feet in width for a permanent construction easement. **Section 102.** The Principal Chief is authorized to execute a Service Line Agreement for the purpose of this Ordinance. **Section 103.** This Ordinance ratifies a right of way easement requested by the City of Okmulgee on May 23, 1980 and is retroactive to the date. The Chair entertained discussion. The main question asked was "For what reason was there such a lengthy delay in obtaining this agreement?" The answer received was "Due to the problems we had in 1980. Council action was never taken and it wasn't until recently that it was brought to our attention." The Chair entertained a motion. Motion was made by Chupco and seconded by Cloud to approve NCA 82-78 as read. A roll call vote was taken with the results being: six in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried.

Other Business.

Mr. Childers asked "what the status of the Revenue Sharing for 1983 was?" Mr. Bill Fife advised Mr. Childers that an input hearing would be held during the month of January and that a definite date had not been set as of this date. Mr. Cloud brought up problems regarding some personnel having grievance and discussion began. With this being a personnel/employee problem it was suggested that it be taken to the Council Chambers. Discussion ended. **Announcements:** None. **Adjournment:** A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Roberts to adjourn, and by a unanimous vote of approval the meeting was adjourned. **Benediction:** Rev. Lee Chupco.



Next Council Meeting February 26 - 10:00 a.m.



Sam Woodfield Performs At Oklahoma City With All-Star Honor Band

Sammy Woodfield, 16 year old Creek student at Okmulgee High School, recently performed with the OMEA All-Star Honor Band at the Oklahoma Music Educators Association Convention in Oklahoma City.

Performing in the Honor Band is one of the highest achievements a student can attain during their high school years. They are representatives of band students throughout the state who are selected through competitive try-outs.

Sammy has been in band throughout his junior and senior high years. Each summer, he takes private clarinet lessons in Tulsa. Sammy's plans are to attend the University of Oklahoma, majoring in music and eventually becoming a band director. He has performed solo at local churches over the Christmas season. Sammy's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Woodfield, Okmulgee.



Jason Jones Attends KMEA State Convention; Attains 3.8 G.P. A.

Jason Jones, Creek student at Coffeyville Community College made the Dean's Honor Roll recently with a 3.8 grade average. He is student assistant band director and a member of the Stage Band, Jazz Combo, Southeast Kansas Orchestra, and Kansas Music Educator's Association. Jason will attend the KMEA State Convention in Wichita, Ks. He plays all the horn instruments and the piano. Jason is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse A. Jones, Coffeyville, Kansas and the nephew of Rev. and Mrs. Jimmie Cahwee, Sapulpa.

Cahwee 'NETS' Stunning Record

By Gary Robinson

Tulsa - born Larry Cahwee has compiled quite an impressive record as coach of the Coyle, Oklahoma basketball team. In their six years under Coach Cahwee, the Bluejackets have won 162 games and only lost 17, along with winning one state championship title and making five trips to the state tournaments.

Larry grew up in Kelleyville, Oklahoma, and played basketball and baseball in school there. After high school, he went to Bacone College for two years on a baseball scholarship. He finished out his college years at Northeastern State University, majoring in Physical Education.

Fresh out of College, he was hired as high school basketball coach for the Mounds Public schools. He coached there for two years before moving on to the Coyle school system in 1977.



Eric Tiger Achieves Athletic/Scholastic Accomplishments

Eric Tiger, 17 year old Creek senior at Dewar High School has made many athletic and scholastic accomplishments during the past several years. He is a member of the Oklahoma Honor Society and was instrumental in leading his summer league baseball team to the State Championship two year in a row, 1979 and 1980. He was the only one to knock the ball out of the park during one game.

His football accomplishments are being named Offensive Player of the Year in his district for 1982. He went over 1,000 yards rushing and was named on the Region 2, All Star Team, making him a candidate for the All State Defensive Half Back. Eric is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Tiger of Tiger Mountain. He is a member of Silver Spring Baptist Church. His future plans include attending Northeastern State University. Eric would like to pursue a career in baseball.

In addition to basketball, Cahwee also coaches high school boys baseball. Their three-season record is 81-19, which scored a trip to the state baseball tournament every year.

He's coaching career has reaped other honors, as well. For three consecutive years, the Stillwater News Press selected him Coach of the Year, for his performance in the basketball tournaments. Recently the Oklahoma Basketball Coaches Association awarded him District Coach of the Year for his district. This year, the Coaches Association selected Cahwee as Chairman of the final selection committee for the All-State Basketball West team. The All-State Basketball game will be played at the Annual Coaches Association Convention in July.

His sports interests keep him busy, but his family is important to him, too. He married Charlene (Bilby) while they were in school at Tahlequah. They now have two daughters: Jessica Lynn 4 years old and Amanda Gail 6 months old. Larry says he'd like to be closer to his mother, Bessie Cahwee, and his other relatives in Kelleyville.

What of Cahwee's future? He says he wants to get a Masters Degree in Physical Education and coach at the College level. But for now, he'll keep right on racking up the wins with the Coyle Bluejackets.

Indian Engineers Asked To Contact AICAE

Indian engineers and architects in private practice are asked to contact the American Indian Council of Architects and Engineers (AICAE). The AICAE is on its third update of the Directory of Architects and Engineers and would appreciate information from privately owned companies. The contact address is: AICAE, c/o Box 8, Swarthmore, PA 19081.

ECHOES FROM ARBEKA

By Eliza Hicks

Cinda Thompson started our months activities with a food sale and bingo February 8th. She had a good turn out of friends and relatives. Two beautiful hand made quilts were raffled and they went to Sharon Britt and Wallace Cully. Lucky people! On the 16th we held our regular lunch and meeting. There were only four of us at the lunch and did we ever "pig out"! During the meeting we set our next food sale and bingo for the season but individuals will be having bingo at the community building here.

On Jan. 22 we had bingo for payment of utilities. The men had jackpot bow and arrow shooting in the afternoon. Houston Hicks had bingo Jan. 29th and the raffle winners were Mike Winap, a drip coffee pot, Laura Lou Artussee, a boneless ham, and Linna Jacobs, a butterball turkey. Our hamburger cook, son Jim was kept busy answering "Did you wash your hands?" We wish to say "Mvto" to all who helped.

Coming up for February: 12th Arbeka bingo, 20th, regular meeting and lunch, 26th Louis Taylor's bingo for funeral expenses.

Our dinner on the 20th will be sort of special. Among our usual February birthday people we'll be honoring two other "greats". Bet you think we mean George and Abraham, don't you? Come eat with us and find out.

See you next month.

Creek Nation 9th Annual Rodeo June 17-18, 1983

ACCIDENT AWARENESS

Submitted by Indian Health Service, Okmulgee Field Office

IHS patient care statistics for 1982 indicate that falls, motor vehicle accidents and cutting and piercing objects are the leading causes of accidental injuries to Native Americans in this area. Ninety percent of these accidents are caused by people . . . people who fail to recognize accidents before they happen.

Safety is a state of mind! An accident is merely an unplanned event. By learning to recognize an accident before it happens, you can minimize and prevent these costly and harmful chance occurrences. This isn't easy, but a positive attitude can accomplish wonders. Do you **correct** accident situations when you see them? Do you **avoid** taking unnecessary risks? Do you **do what's safe** even though it takes longer or is a little harder? People, not mechanical failures or freaks of nature, cause most accidents.

Home fall traps are everywhere. They're usually caused by some trivial thing—an object that shouldn't be on the floor, a loose carpet, a spilled liquid. Avoid makeshift ladders, provide solid handrails on stairways, and provide nightlights, especially for children and elderly. Correct any and all potential hazards when you see them.

Operating a motor vehicle is not only a privilege but also a responsibility. Above all, anticipation is the rule. Maintain and repair your vehicle to minimize mechanical deficiencies. Drive defensively—the other guy may not be safety conscious. Use your **safety belts and be alert.**

Sharp objects should be stored in such a manner that the points or blades are not exposed. Sweep broken glass into a dustpan—never pick it up with bare hands. Cuts and scratches can become infected and sometimes result in the loss of a limb. Wear protective gloves and wear practical eye protection when handling sharp objects or material that may shatter.

Don't become an accident statistic. With common sense and a positive attitude, you can avoid or prevent accidents.

Texas Band of Kickapoo Indians Become Federally Recognized

WASHINGTON, D.C.: The Texas Band of Kickapoo Indians will begin 1983 with new hope for the future as a result of an act of Congress signed into law on January 8th. The much-awaited legislation means that the Texas Kickapoo who are among the most traditional of all Indian groups in the country and who suffer some of the worst living conditions will now be eligible for federal health, housing and other social services available to other federally recognized Indians.

The Act, Public Law 97-429, specifically recognizes the Texas Kickapoo as an Indian band immediately eligible for federal services and expedites the citizenship process for those Kickapoo of Texas wishing to exercise this option. Very importantly, the bill authorizes 100 acres of land in Maverick County to be taken in trust as a land base for the Tribe, with the possibility of additional acres to be added. The Tribe has established the Kickapoo Trust Land Acquisition Committee to raise money to buy the land. The Act also provides for formal clarification of the rights of the Kickapoo to pass and re-pass the United States borders.

The Kickapoo are a Native American people whose ancestors for centuries farmed, gathered and hunted throughout 18 million acres of present-day Wisconsin, Michigan and Illinois. The Kickapoo were forced to relinquish their homeland in the early 1800's and one band eventually went as far south as Texas and then to Mexico. A part of this Band was later removed to Oklahoma while the remainder of the Band stayed in Mexico.

A reservation was established in Oklahoma in 1883 for all Kickapoo but the reservation was lost in 1893 by an act of Congress that opened surplus tribal lands for settlement despite the Tribe's opposition. As a result, many of the Kickapoo left Oklahoma and those Band members in Mexico continued to remain there. They later migrated back to Texas in the 1940's because of adverse conditions in Mexico and have continued to go back and forth across the border.

Without a land base, these most traditional of Indian people set up a camp at Eagle Pass, Texas beneath the International Bridge where they live much of the time, returning periodically to Mexico primarily for religious ceremonies. Until the passage of this Act, some of the

members had no legal citizenship either in Mexico or in the United States.

Because neither the United States nor Mexico have recognized them and provided them with any assistance, the health and living conditions of the Band declined greatly. The Kickapoo of Texas suffer an extremely high incidence of tuberculosis, diabetes, hypertension and cancer. Many of the children suffer from malnutrition and dehydration.

The Band continues to be profoundly traditional in their adherence to the ancient Kickapoo culture and religion. Most Band members speak no English, relying almost solely on their Algonquin dialect.

The Native American Rights Fund (NARF), which is a nonprofit Indian legal organization representing tribes, groups and individuals throughout the United States, worked with the Texas Band of Kickapoo as well as the Oklahoma Kickapoo providing needed legal expertise and legislative documentation. NARF worked for congressional passage of the Kickapoo legislation under the guidance of Congressman Abraham Kazen, who represents the Eagle Pass district, where the Kickapoo reside.

Congressman Morris Udall of Arizona and Douglas Bereuter of Nebraska marshalled the bill through the 97th Congress where it was finally passed in the closing hours of the lame-duck session. The new law grew out of a complex set of negotiations involving all Bands of Kickapoo, the United States Department of State, the United States Department of Interior, the Mexican Government and the Inter-American Indian Institute, setting a procedural precedent for resolution of cross-border tribal issues.

James Wahpehah, Chairman of the Oklahoma Kickapoo, stated that tribal members are excited about the bill's passage and are looking forward to the establishment of the Kickapoo land base at Eagle Pass, Texas and to the receipt of desperately needed health and other federal services.

NARF staff attorney Kurt Blue Dog who has worked with the Kickapoo people for the past three years said: "This is an historic step forward and a positive solution to a long-standing problem". NARF will continue to assist the Kickapoo Indians in establishing a land base and to insure the receipt of federal services.



The film "Sacred Ground" was dedicated to Chief Edison Chiloquin here holding a ceremonial bag presented to him by Pacific International Enterprises, Inc. Chiloquin refused to sell his personal property Sacred Ground, to the U.S. Government.

"Sacred Ground" Film Dedicated to Chief Chiloquin

The film, "Sacred Ground", now in production by Pacific International Enterprises, shooting adjacent to the sacred ground of Plaikne Ceremonial Village, is dedicated to Chief Edison Chiloquin. He had the vision that the land where his forefathers had lived would be returned to his people.

Edison was born in a little house near the place where the Williamson and Sprague rivers join together, in Chiloquin, Oregon, the town named after his grandfather. As he grew up, Edison roamed through the pine forest on the bank of the Sprague, where his grandfather had lived. He knew this was Sacred Land.

When the Klamath Reservation was terminated by the government, Edison

refused to accept any money. He said, "The Earth is My Mother". She is not to be bought and sold. Mother Earth is to

be loved and respected." He asked for permission to build a Ceremonial Village on the land.

On the bluff overlooking the town of Chiloquin, Edison made a Ceremonial Fire which burned for almost six years while he petitioned the government. Often he carried firewood through deep snow.

When the Forest Service gave him a permit, he carried his fire to the bank of

the Sprague River and put up a Medicine Teepee.

As people learned of his quest, others came to give their support and offer help.

Finally, in 1980, President Carter signed the Historic Chiloquin Act, a special bill submitted by the United States Congress which states that a tract of land on the Sprague River was recognized as Indian Land and set aside forever as Sacred Ground. Edison Chiloquin was designated as the Caretaker of this land. The money which the government held in trust, over three hundred thousand dollars, was to be returned to the Department

of Agriculture.

On September 4, 1982, a Gathering was held in Plaikne Ceremonial Village. It was the Formal Dedication Ceremony and Feast of Thanks. Chief Chiloquin's friends and supporters came to share with him. Once again the Ceremonial Fire was burning. Attorney Don Wharton, who had done much of the legal work, presented to Edison, a specially printed copy of the Chiloquin Act.

That night, for the first time in many years, the Coyote sang. The Circle was complete.

This copy approved by Chief Edison Chiloquin, November 2, 1982.



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National Council Forms Committees To Research Proposed Legislation

Four committees have been formed out of members of the Muscoogee (Creek) National Council, to report findings to the Council for scheduling proposed legislation in their respective areas of concern. Any tribal officer, tribal citizen, tribal employee, or other persons may appear at a committee meeting and discuss the need for tribal legislation on a particular or general subject.

All Bills, proposed tribal resolutions and proposed nominations for tribal offices must be received by the National Council and assigned to a committee. The Agenda for each council meeting is prepared by the Speaker and will be based upon the reports of the committees.

Andy Bible and Nelson Johnson are assigned to the Committee on Business and Governmental Services. Their jurisdiction is budgeting, financing, inter and intra governmental policy, administrative policies and procedures, economic development, citizenship, elections and other administrative functions.

Richard Lamey and Sandy McIntosh are assigned to the Committee of Tribal Affairs. Their jurisdiction is real property, facilities management,

leasing, law enforcement, game and wildlife, economic research and development, economic pilot projects, comprehensive planning, and other tribal affairs functions.

Helen Chupco is assigned to the Committee on Community Services. Her jurisdiction is primary and allied health services, environmental services, housing, nutrition services, social services, welfare services, community development, community organization, Indian Child Welfare Act, and other community services functions.

Clarence Cloud and Carney Roberts are assigned to the Committee on Human Development. Their jurisdiction is employment counseling, placement and financial assistance; pre-school, elementary and adult education; training, scholarships and work programs; and other related human development functions.

At the close of each National Council session, the Speaker will consult with Council members about pending issues before the various Committees. These issues will be discussed with Committee before the next scheduled council meeting.



Photo by Helen Chalakee

Martha Simmers recently underwent a pace-maker implant at Creek Nation Community Hospital. It was a first for both the hospital and Martha. Chief of Staff, Dr. Don Bowen checks her increased heartbeat via pace-maker on regularly scheduled visits to her room.

CN Hospital Performs First Pace Maker Implant

One of the benefits of being an elderly Creek Indian and residing in Creek Nation is that their needs are going to be taken care of by one of the many services offered through Creek Nation tribal government.

When it was discovered that Martha Simmers, a 72 year old Creek lady, had a heartbeat just a little slower than normal for her well being, a pace maker implant was prescribed. The implant surgery could have been a terrifying experience for Martha if she would have had to travel a long distance to unfamiliar surroundings for the procedure.

Instead, within twenty miles of her own home, surrounded by the capable, experienced hands of fellow Creeks, Martha underwent a pace maker implant at Creek Nation Community Hospital and the results have been astounding. Her heartbeat has been increased to a healthy 70 beats per minute, and she is happy and content with the extra special treatment she has been receiving at the hospital.

The implant was a milestone for the hospital. That particular type surgery had never before been performed there. All the equipment needed for the operation was available. A

courtesy staff cardiologist, Dr. Ali Shakir performed the implant surgery. Immediately following the procedure, Martha was placed in ICU on the hospital's new Spacelab monitoring system for precautionary measures. This monitoring system is constantly monitored by the cardiac remote monitoring staff (Hawkeye) at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa.

Assisting Dr. Shakir in the surgery were C.N. Hospital staff; X-Ray Supervisor, Johnny Warrior, LPN Romaette Bryant and RN Sue Pepper. According to C.N. Hospital's Chief of Staff, Dr. Don Bowen, Martha's prognosis is excellent. According to Martha, she is looking forward to spending more time with her daughters, Naomi Ruth and Charolette Sue, her eight grandchildren and her four great-grandchildren.

Tribal Funds Hearing Set

A hearing will be held April 23 to gather testimony on how funds awarded to the Creek Nation by the Indian Claims Commission should be spent.

The Commission, beginning in 1977, has awarded the Creek Nation more than \$10 million in judgments. It is proposed that the award be used only for investment and that only interest from federal investment of the funds be expended according to a three-year plan.

The proposed plan for expenditure in the first three-year period is to spend 30 percent on tribal government, 10 percent on tribal programs, 10 percent on community development, 15 percent on capital acquisition, five percent on cultural education and museum planning, 20 percent for social welfare and 10 percent for higher education.

Every third year the nation will adopt a new three-year plan for the interest earned on the principal.

The public hearing will be at 10 a.m. April 23 at the Okmulgee County Courthouse. All members of the Creek Nation are invited to attend and make oral statements to be placed on the

record. In addition, members may make written comments, suggestions or objections to the Muskogee Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Muskogee, Ok. 74401 on or before May 9.

Banquet Scheduled For '83 Seniors

A banquet honoring 1983 Creek graduating high school seniors is scheduled May 14 at 7 p.m. in the dining room of the Tribal Complex in Okmulgee.

The banquet is sponsored by Creek Communities who will furnish the food and the Creek Nation Festival Committee. Principal Chief Cox will give the Welcome Address.

Contact Steve Wilson's Office or the CHR's office and let them know how many from your school will be attending. This is the first time Creek Nation has been able to let the students know how much they appreciate the graduates who have put forth the effort to obtain a high school diploma. Be sure and attend. You'll be glad you did!

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Creek Nation Revenue Sharing Budget for Fiscal Year 1983 was enacted on February 26, 1983. This approved budget is available for public inspection between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. during each workday in the Creek Nation Office of Treasury. For information, please contact David Bryant, Director of Finance.

CN Head Start To Take Applications

The Creek Nation Head Start will be taking application for enrollment for the 1983-84 school year during the month of May. The Head Start Centers are located in Eufaula (next to the Indian Health Clinic) and in Yeager. We serve children ages 3-5. When applying, parents or guardians must provide proof of income such as: W-2 forms, income tax return or present

check stub. Also bring child's CDIB and birth certificate. We do provide special services for handicapped children.

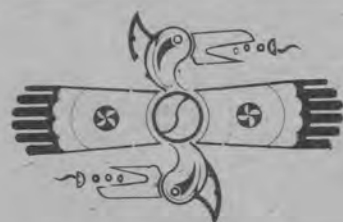
For additional information contact: Janet Lee, Creek Nation Complex, 756-8700, ext. 277, Raylene Stafford, Eufaula Center 689-5613, or Jane McKane, Yeager Center, 405-379-6693.

Community Olympics Scheduled May 21

The Creek Nation Community Olympics committee will again be sponsoring the Community Olympics. All Creek Nation Indian youngsters (ages 10 - 18) 1/4 degree or more Indian blood are being invited to attend and participate in the friendly competition in various athletic events. Awards and recognition will be

presented to individuals as well as community teams.

The tentative date set for this event will be May 21. In an effort to provide coordination of information and activities, it is requested that an individual from your community or school be designated as a contact person.



MUSCOGEE NATION NEWS

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The purpose of this newsletter is to act as the official publication of the Muscogee Creek Nation and to meet any need of the Creek Nation that is possible through news coverage.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

To all Tribal Citizens and other Indians residing within the boundaries of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma. Creek Nation is hereby serving notice and soliciting views, opinions and comments to the following activities Creek Nation is proposing to do from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Community Development Block Grant Program '83.

Total amount of grant - \$581,000. Activity 1 Housing Rehab (Hughes District) - \$497,000. Activity 2 Capitol Improvements (Wetumka, Dewar and Weleetka Indian Centers) - \$84,000.

The proposal for the above-mentioned grant can be publicly viewed at: Creek Nation Tribal Complex, General Services Administration Office 1008 E. Eufaula, City of Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

Any and all written and oral comments will be accepted and considered by the Environmental Services Administration, at the Creek Nation Complex between April 8 to April 20 for the above mentioned grant. All written comments should be addressed to: Muscogee (Creek) Nation Capitol Complex, Environmental Services Administration P.O. Box 580 Okmulgee, Ok. 74447.

Coopers Celebrate . . .

Longtime residents of Creek County Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cooper, will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary, May 8th, at the National Guard Armory in Bristow, Ok. From 2:00p.m. till 4:00p.m. This is an open invitation to all friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cooper, to come by.

Sumka Reunion . . .

Families of the late Rev. Willie and Salina Sumka will be having a reunion on June 4, 1983 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the South entrance of Nichols Park in Henryetta, Oklahoma. All relatives are invited. For further information please write: Family Reunion, 313 W. Chestnut, Stilwell, Oklahoma 74960 or call (918) 696-6996, 652-7154 or 652-2439. Bring a covered dish.

CDIB Needed For SS . . .

Since Creek Nation has assumed the Social Services program formerly administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, a new policy requires all applicants to present a CDIB card. If an applicant does not have a CDIB (Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood) card, they are given three months to get one. If the client has not made any attempt to get CDIB information, then an application will not be taken.

It's A Boy . . .

Craig and Deborah Mosquito, Mounds, proudly announce the birth of their third child, Jarod Willie, born March 25 at Claremore Indian Hospital. Jarod Willie weighed eight pounds, thirteen ounces and was 21 inches long. He has an eight year old brother, Jacob and a five year old sister Shanah-Dea. Maternal Grandparents are Tom and Mary Shirley, Okmulgee. Paternal Grandparents are Willie and Lena Mosquito, Liberty Mounds.

It's Twins . . .

Vickie and Amilliano Lara of Tulsa, announce the births of their twin daughters, Carolina Amil, 5 lb. 10 oz. and Fatima Esparanza 6 lbs., born March 1, at Claremore.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Anderson J. Berryhill of Okmulgee.

Letter . . .

Dear Editor:

I am writing to seek your assistance in trying to locate my brother. The last time I had contact with him was by telephone last July. Since then I haven't heard anything from him. His telephone has been disconnected and I have not received any answers from my letters to his last address. I am certain that he has been seen by one of your subscribers who may be able to help locate him.

He resided for the most part in West Tulsa, however, he also stayed in Muskogee off and on. His name is Byah Beaver but he has been known by the name of William G. Barnette or Johnnie Barnette and also goes by the nickname "Geronimo" Barnette.

I am sure that there are plenty of folks who know him and I hope that someone may be able to put me in touch with him.

Thank you very much,
Mr. Louis Beaver
(919) 425-3532
918 Odom Drive
Fayetteville, NC. 28304

CN Elderly Dinners . . .

Mother's Day and Nutrition Program Anniversary Dinner will be held May 13, 1983 at the Creek Nation Complex Dining Hall for the Elderly of the Creek Nation. Rev. George Miller will be the speaker with services starting at 11:00 a.m. and dinner at noon. Door prizes will be given away. All elderly of the Creek Nation are welcome to attend.

The annual Father's Day Dinner will be held in conjunction with the Creek Nation Festival on June 14th at the Creek Nation Complex starting at 11:00 a.m. a guest speaker will be announced later. We again welcome all elderly to come.

CREEK NATION JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Fringe benefits for all positions include medical/dental insurance, life insurance, credit union affiliation, maternity benefits, legal services, pension plan after one year of employment.

LOAN SPECIALIST

Salary Range: \$15,000-\$18,000

Duties Include: Studies and investigates Indian resources to develop, plan and recommend for approval the establishment of business, agricultural and industrial enterprises which will improve the social status of Indian community. Makes surveys of economic feasibility and probable success or failure of proposed enterprises. Examines and analyzes applications for individual and group loans for financing of farm operations and land purchases. Maintains necessary records and files in connection with loans in the area assigned and prepares periodic and special reports as necessary or requested.

Qualifications: Advanced degree in finance or accounting and at least five years experience in a managerial position requiring specialized knowledge of financial bases for planning agriculture and industrial enterprises, loan application and selection, and analysis of business operations.

FINANCIAL COUNSELING SPECIALIST

Salary Range: \$15,000-\$18,000.

Duties Include: Primary responsibility is for the tribal credit programs, concerned with all credit and finance matters of the tribe such as association loans, loan guaranty and insurance of loans, and all facets of the Indian Financing Act as it applies to individual Indians and Indian organizations. Prepares, examines, and analyzes applications for individual and group loans for the financing of farm operations, land operations, housing purchases, construction, repair and remodeling or business enterprises.

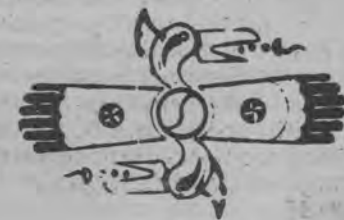
Qualifications: Advanced degree in accounting and at least three years specialized experience in credit and loan counseling and analysis.

CREDIT AND LOAN SECRETARY

Salary Range: \$9,000-\$12,000

Duties Include: Examines loan applications which have been approved by credit associations and tribal organizations and supporting documents to determine proper execution and compliance with regulatory requirements; examines securities such as promissory notes, real estate and chattel mortgages, abstracts and assignments for conformance with pertinent laws and regulations; verifies roll numbers and land descriptions are correct, recomputes total assets listed, verifies loan balances, maintains proper filing systems for work done by the Credit Office; screens notices of land and mineral sales; receives office visitors, answers telephone and takes and transcribes dictation from supervisor.

Qualifications: High school diploma or GED and 2 years specialized secretarial training, and at least 2 years experience working as a secretary preferably in the accounting-loan-credit area.





Principal Chief Cox congratulates John Neal on recent employment with Creek Nation.

John Neal, New Administrator For CN Community Hospital

John Neal recently assumed the Administrator's position at Creek Nation Community Hospital in Okemah. Neal previously served as Assistant Administrator of Finance at Newman Memorial Hospital in Shattuck, Oklahoma.

He received his degree in Administration and Economics from Shorter College in Rome, Georgia. His credentials and qualifications for hospital administration are very impressive and include past employment at several large hospitals in addition to membership in many

hospital administration associations and organizations.

Neal said he is very impressed with Creek Nation Community Hospital and his plans are definitely patient/community oriented, which is the original concept of the founding of the hospital by the Creek Tribe.

Neal and his family, wife Darlene, daughter Heather and son Luke are now residing in Okemah. Neal said the small town atmosphere serves their social and religious needs, and they are looking forward to becoming acquainted with this area.

CN Board of Health Affairs Approves Physicians For Staff Privileges

The Creek Nation Board of Health Affairs approved two new physicians, Dr. Stanley Smith and Dr. David Smith, for active staff privileges at the Creek Nation Hospital in the February 21 meeting of the board.

Board members were informed of the Interim Self-Survey Progress Report that was sent to JCAH with two items needing action including an add-on to the by-laws of the Creek Nation Community Hospital - that the governing body by-laws be reviewed every two years and revised as necessary.

Fred C. Townsend of International Clinical Laboratories and Dr. Perry Lambird, of Medical Arts Laboratory gave presentations to the board relating to lab services in connection with the ACA III Equipment installed in the hospital.

The administrator's report showed 104 adults and children admitted to the hospital in January, 14 newborn infants and 93 children and adults discharged. Fifteen newborn infants were discharged and one death was reported. Ten operations were performed.

The maximum daily census on any one day was 28 and the minimum was 15. January's average daily census was 21.4 with an average occupancy of 54.9 percent and average length of stay at 3.7 days. There were 555 emergency room visits in January.

The number of Indian admissions totaled 73 and the number of Indian inpatient days 509. Indian discharges numbered 62. Services provided and chargeable to Indian inpatients totaled \$215,239.30. There were 621 Indian emergency room and outpatient visits providing services chargeable for \$52,909.35.

Non-Indian admissions for January totaled 31 and the number of non-Indian inpatient days number 117. There were 32 non-Indian discharges. Services provided and chargeable to non-Indian inpatients were \$35,826.70. Non-Indian and emergency room and outpatient visits numbered 147 and totaled \$11,116.15 in services provided and chargeable. The total percentage of Indian occupancy was 44 percent; non-Indian occupancy 11 percent, and total occupancy 55 percent.



Indian Civil Rights To Be Explained In Series of Articles

A series of articles entitled "Know Your Rights" will begin in next month's issue of the Muskogee Nation News. The articles will be prepared by Geoffrey Standing Bear, legal counsel for the Creek Nation.

It is not always clear what your rights really are in any particular situation. Not everything that seems unfair, or even unjust, is a violation of rights.

In his first article, Standing Bear will attempt to point out your rights in criminal matters: What to do if you are arrested and the procedure for getting out of jail; What you should and should not say when being questioned; Your right to counsel and other important facts you need to know about your civil rights.

Muskogee B.I.A Area Director Retires After Five Tribes Request Resignation

After an appeal from tribal leaders of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes to Washington for the resignation of the Muskogee Area Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Jack Ellison, word has been received at Creek Nation that Ellison will retire April 1.

In a newspaper report from the Muskogee Phoenix, Ellison stated the controversy had little to do with his retirement. "I don't care what those Chiefs think", he said.

"I can no longer support an organization that no longer supports me", Ellison said. He stated that he no longer agrees with the Washington, D.C. leadership of the agency he has worked for 36 years. Ellison was

quoted in the Phoenix as saying, "I don't want to say anymore on that subject".

Don Moon, former BIAA Superintendent of the Tahlihin Office, has been named acting deputy area director. Former deputy area director, Jess Town transferred to the BIA office in Sacramento, California last month. Ellison said Moon will apparently take over as acting area director April 1.

Creek Principal Chief, Claude Cox who is President of the Inter-Tribal Council stated his response over the retirement as a good move on Ellison's part. Chief Cox hopes the restaffing at Muskogee Area Office will be for the benefit of the Creek Tribe in conducting tribal business in an more effective and efficient manner.

Cherokee Deputy Chief Perry Wheeler Hopeful In Candidacy Bid for Principal Chief Position

R. Perry Wheeler, Deputy Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation has announced his candidacy for the office of Principal Chief in the upcoming election scheduled for June 18.

Wheeler stated "For the past two years, the present Chief and I have had numerous differences of opinion concerning the management practices of the Cherokee Nation, as well as the future course the Nation will follow. On many occasions when critical decisions were necessary, neither the Council nor I were consulted or informed. I feel that the present Chief is running too much of a one-man show and that the non-Indian influences involved in the administration of tribal business have been allowed to take control, to the exclusion of the Cherokee people."

"My first priority", Wheeler continued, "will be to open up the tribe to participation by a greater number of people. Instead of 'allowing' participation by tribal members, we should be encouraging it. I believe that Cherokees want a real voice in their tribal government. I will listen to them and act upon their wishes."

Wheeler stated, "I was born and raised in Sequoyah County and have been active in the affairs of the Cherokee Nation for all of my adult life. I have served as Mayor of Sallisaw for 12 years, and as President of the Cherokee National Council for the past six years. I believe it is fair to say that I know the Cherokee people and their needs."

"We should do much more to hire Cherokees to fill administrative positions. I have great confidence in the abilities of the Cherokee people to make decisions that affect their lives. I

believe that the future of our tribe is at stake, as well as the integrity of our heritage. I urge all those who believe, as I do, that Cherokee affairs should be determined by Cherokees to join with me in this campaign", Wheeler concluded.

Dallas Inter-Tribal Center Available To Serve Indians

The Dallas Inter-Tribal Center is a non profit Indian organization committed to improving the health and social economic status of Indian families residing in the Dallas/Ft. Worth metroplex.

Unfortunately, many Indians moving into the area are unaware of the facility and services available to them.

The Indian Family Support Services is a component of the Center and serves the special needs of Indian families with children who are at-risk for abuse, neglect or other crisis situations, which are often the direct result of stresses associated with adjusting to an urban setting.

The program attempts to alleviate these stressful situations by providing support services such as housing, employment, emergency financial aid, etc.

Assistance is available for families at-risk in areas of: crisis intervention, individual, group and family counseling, court advocacy, preventative education, parenting skills training and information and referral.

Other basic services include: emergency financial aid, housing, food and clothing, transportation, and employment counseling. All services offered through this program are free of charge.

Other services available at the Center include: Community Services, Pediatric Services, Family Planning Diagnostic Testing, Nutrition Services, Health Education, Dental Services, Immunizations, Employment and Training Services, W.I.C. Program, Alcoholism Services and Arts and Crafts.

The Dallas Inter-Tribal Center is located at 209 East Jefferson, Dallas, Texas, 75203. Phone 214/941-1050.

Creek Nation Citizenship Board Reminds You To Enroll as a Creek Citizen!



Photo by Gary Robinson

GEOFFREY STANDING BEAR SUSAN VAN WOUDENBERG SHARON WATKINS

CN Office of Justice

By Helen Chalakee

When Geoffrey Standing Bear, legal counsel for the Creek Tribe, was first employed in the CN Office of Justice, he found himself in an overwhelming, one-man situation involving the reorganization of the tribe's legal program.

Now the Office of Justice employs a paralegal and a secretary. Sharon Watkins assumed the paralegal position for the Other Rights Protection Program which is engaged in casework and intergration of the Rights Protection Program with the new CN Realty Department which was recently contracted from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The Rights Protection works hand in hand with the Realty Program to protect legal rights of tribal members owning restricted Indian property.

With a secretary, Susan Van Woudenberg to carry on with the typing and filing that was consuming so much of Standing Bear's time, he has been able to undertake the heavy caseload of the Indian Child Welfare Program. The cases are actually referred from the CN Indian Child Welfare Program to the Office of Justice. Because these cases have such a direct and powerful impact upon the lives of the members of the Muscogee Nation, Standing Bear feels this area is of great importance. A response for one of these cases can range from declining, to intervening, to participation in a full-blown hearing on termination of parental rights and can take hours of preparatory and court work.

Just recently, another kind of Indian Child Welfare Case is being handled by the Office of Justice. That is an appeal of a District Court decision in the State of Oklahoma. Specifically, the State and the Public Defenders Office is now appealing a case that the Muscogee Nation won the first level, resulting in an adverse decision for the State on an Indian Child custody matter.

Standing Bear said he anticipates that in every county, the State will appeal Muscogee Nation's victories. However, he also anticipates, with all confidence, that the Muscogee Nation will prevail. He stated, "We cannot ignore these appeals, as they strike to

the very heart of our tribal powers. We will win these cases, but it will be a county by county struggle within the Muscogee (Creek) Nation."

Standing Bear is also involved with tribal operation legal matters. In addition to the activities of Indian Child Welfare, Rights Protection, Tribal Operation and various other consultations, the Office of Justice serves as a drop-in referral service for tribal members who have problems ranging from criminal difficulties to divorce.

Standing Bear said he could not represent these people individually, but he advises them as to the best possible course of action and often refers them to other attorneys. "There is no question in my mind that the Muscogee Nation could benefit from a legal services program to directly serve tribal members," he said. "However, this is a matter that would have to be carefully planned and is something I will consider working on in the near future," he added.

YOU CAN HELP BECOME A FOSTER PARENT

Good parenting doesn't come easy. Don't let your talents go to waste. Stable and loving foster parents are urgently needed. Indian children of all ages are waiting. They usually need temporary care in a foster home during a time when their own families are going through difficulties. You can be married or single; live in a house or apartment. You can work, depending on the age children you take. You can be 21 or older, a parent, grandparent, or not have any children of your own. If you have a lot of love, patience and desire to help a child who needs you...

**Contact: Helen Coon
CN Indian Child
Welfare Program
918/756-8700**

Reprint From American Indian Physician's Newsletter: Traditional Indian Concepts in Health Care

By Frank Clark, M.D., M.P.H.

According to Indian concepts, a human being is composed of body, mind and spirit. Western Society tends to separate the body, mind and spirit. The body is taken care of by a physician. If it gets sick, it is sent to the hospital. If the mind is sick, the patient goes to a psychiatrist or a psychologist and to a mental hospital or jail for care. The spirit is associated mainly with religion and goes to church on Sundays.

Indians believe that the body, mind and spirit are interrelated and function together. Traditional healers know a lot about the mind and spirit and relatively less about the body. An Indian might go to a traditional healer after being treated in a hospital because the patient feels treatment is not complete. The Indian feels he is not only a part of his family and community but also a part of the earth and universe.

Health to an Indian is the power to exist and to function harmoniously.

The most important things the body needs are oxygen, water, food and shelter. Another very important need is sleep. Generally we are not aware of these needs.

The mind needs to have knowledge, the ability to use the arts and sciences. The mind also needs freedom, which is absence of aversive control. The third thing the mind needs is discipline. This is to be had by the attainment of self control. When we lose control as what is happening to us, we do not feel secure or safe. When a ship is tied to a pier it has no freedom. If the ropes are taken away and the ship goes to the middle of the ocean, it has freedom but it has no security through lack of control.

Indian people feel the spirit is a part of the total person. The spirit is our energizing force. A football team is energized by a pep talk from their coach. When they march onto the playing field and hear the cheerleaders, they get an idea of belonging. With the feeling of belonging they perform better than they would with just the mind and body. The spirit "feels". In the morning, for example, seeing a beautiful sunrise makes a person feel good. The spirit is our inner core. When an Indian dies, his spirit passes to the spirit world. That means the spirit is immortal.

Women have tapped into this inner core. They have the power of women's intuition. Dr. Clarke spoke of the women of his tribe who perform the monotonous jobs of husking the corn, grinding it, winnowing it. While doing these tasks, they sang songs, locked their conscious minds, and in so doing allowed their inner core to come up. Meditation is as important to the spirit as sleep is to the body. Indians have long been known for vision seeking. Meditation is an important facet in traditional healing.

The body needs oxygen, water, food shelter and sleep. The mind needs knowledge, freedom and discipline. The spirit needs belonging, self-worth and faith to make it strong.

Self-worth and self-esteem are had or attained by doing. It is very

Self-worth and self-esteem are had or attained by doing. It is very unfortunate that the male in Indian society was the first to lose his self-esteem. His job was to hunt and provide food, to protect his family and tribe. With the coming of the Easterners with their guns, he was not able to protect his family with bows and arrows so he lost his ability to do that. He was not able to hunt and provide food when put on a reservation. Women, on the other hand, still maintained their self-

esteem. They could still cook and raise children. Nowadays there are more women having problems in coping because they are going into the job market and no longer have time to meditate. The spirit needs fun; anything that is entertaining amusing or enjoyable. The spirit needs faith or belief in something.

The Indian medicine man believes that the body, mind and spirit are interrelated. If the spirit feels bad, the traditional healer knows what to do. He establishes a biorhythm by the use of a drum, gourd, rattle or chants. Healing ceremonies are usually held at night because at night the body recharges itself. The sense of sight, hearing, touch, smell and taste are used. Meditation is used. Chants are stories of heroes and those set up behavior modification. The traditional healer uses fasting, sweats, cold applications and herbs. The sweats get rid of salt as in the modern treatment of high blood pressure.

In closing Dr. Clarke recommended sharing of oneself to grow, to enrich other and enhance one's own life. The great pleasure comes from contributing to others. Unless one is happy, he cannot make others happy.

He added, there are many good perspectives of traditional Indian medicine that should be used and not be forgotten. They should be understood by all providers of health care to Indian people in order to understand and serve them better.



JUDY ROLLAND
CN Nutrition Education Specialist

Cook-Ins Scheduled For Creek Communities

A "Cook-In Session" will be conducted by the Nutrition Education Program, which is a component of the Creek Nation Commodity Food Distribution Program. This session is in cooperation with the Okmulgee Indian Community and is the first of many planned to follow throughout the Creek Nation at various locations. Times and places will be announced once they have been established.

The "Cook-Ins" are primarily for participants in the Creek Nation Commodity Food Distribution Program, however, anyone is welcome to come and observe. For more information contact Judy Rolland, 756-8700, extension 316. Samples of the cooking will be available.

OKMULGEE

By Pearl Thomas

Dedication ceremonies were held March 19 for the new Okmulgee Indian Community Center located northeast of the city on Loop 56. Principal Chief Claude Cox, Community Services Manager, Steve Wilson, and Okmulgee Community Chairwoman, Cora Deerisaw were among those officiating the ceremony.

In a speech addressed to the nearly 100 people gathered for the occasion, Chief Cox said that the opening of the Center fulfilled one of his long-time dreams.

"The completion of this building is the result of the hard work and dedication of a team of people on my administrative staff and volunteers from the Indian Community," he said. "This clearly demonstrates what can be accomplished when we work together for the good of the Creek people."

The program continued with invocation by Patricia Thomas, OHS student giving the Lord's Prayer in Indian Sign Language; welcome by Cora Deerisaw, Echoes of OIC, Steve Wilson, American Flag presentation from the Jack Bevenue family, Creek Nation Flag presented by Chief Cox, the song, "America" was presented by Pearl Thomas, accompanied by Steve Woodfield, OHS student and the Act of Dedication by Rev. Sam Haney. Special musical entertainment, was the Baldrige Family.

Plans for the Center were originally drawn up in 1978, but delays in funding and problems in locating a site held up construction until last year.

The building will be used for Okmulgee Indian Community meetings, youth activities, dinners, elderly activities, etc.

Many thanks goes to these communities and businesses for sending beautiful plants and flowers for this special occasion: The Morris Indian Community, Dewar Indian Community, Safeway Stores, The Old Nursery, The Flowery, The Blossom Shop, Fallons, Okmulgee IGA.

Winners of the door prizes were: Jimmy Jones, Juanita Hatch and Mary Jane Hettle. Approximately 100 people come to enjoy the beautiful dedication ceremony and fellowship dinner.

Many thanks goes to staff at Creek Nation who had a part in the planning and development of the community building. It is something that the people of this community can be extremely proud of. Special guests of the day were: Jimmy Jones, Chairman of Morris Community, George Hicks, Chairman, Dewar Community, Richard Lamey, Councilman, James O. Sutton, Principal Eastside Elementary, City Councilman Dean Sanger and Mrs. Sanger.

The next meeting will be April 11 and we invite the people of the community to come and participate in the monthly activities. Here are the rules and regulations on the use of the Community building.

The Okmulgee Indian Community hopes that you had a blessed Easter.



COMMUNITY NEWS



The new Okmulgee Indian Community Center, built through a Community Development Block Grant, is located in the Creek Nation Elderly Project across the road from the Tribal Complex. The facility is 2,374 square feet, equipped with a kitchen, offices and a large meeting area. Various activities have already been scheduled for the Center.



Photography by Gary Robinson

Dedication ceremonies were held March 19 at the new Okmulgee Indian Community Center. Community members participating in the ribbon cutting were: (l-r) Steve Wilson, Webster Chalakee, Community Chairwoman Cora Deerrisaw, Martha Chalakee, Lilly Cox and Principal Chief Claude Cox.

Okmulgee Indian Community Building Rules and Regulations

1. Use of Building by Organizations:

- A. Exempt from paying:
 - 1. The Okmulgee Indian Community
- B. Non-Exempt Functions:
 - 1. Churches
 - 2. Local clubs and organizations

2. Rates:

- Indian - \$30. - Kitchen and Dining Hall use.
- Non-Indian - \$50. - Kitchen and dining hall use.

Individual Use:

- Indian - \$20 - Dining Hall use only.
- Non-Indian - \$30 - Dining Hall use only.

Advances Notices

- 1 month notice, contact Cora Derrisaw, 756-6171.
- 756-6171 or Chiquita Juneau - 756-8700 - work phone.

First Come, First Serve Basis: Indian Preference.

Reservation Schedule

- Week nights - Monday - Thursday - 6 p.m. - 11 p.m. Week end - Friday - Sunday - 6 p.m. - 12 p.m.

No Alcoholic beverage will be allowed on premises. Property is patrolled by Creek Nation Security at all times.

WELEETKA

By Ethel Torres

At our Feb. 24th meeting details and plans for our dinner for graduating freshman and graduating Seniors and their parents in April was discussed. Tickets for the banquet will be going on sale for anyone wishing to attend a fabulous program as well as dinner. The tickets will pay for the dinner plus gift certificates for the graduating Seniors.

On Saturday, April 16, plans are underway for a wild onion dinner and Gospel Singing emceed by Billie Joe Harjo at our Weleetka Community Center, 3 blocks north of Western Auto, tickets are \$3.50.

The community meeting will be cancelled from April 2nd since an egg hunt will be held on Good Friday April 1st for 5 age groups. People of the community are to bring 2 doz. dyed eggs each. Prizes for 1st and 2nd places in each age group.

We are losing many of our elderly, but then who of us given the chance would ask any of them to return. Miss them?—dislike losing them? a very big "Yes". They have earned their rest, and

we were blessed for having known them.

Mrs. Adeline Burgess - Konawa from Spring Indian Baptist whose funeral was Feb. 22 and Fannie Autry, Weleetka who passed away Feb. 27 were two of the remaining 6 granddaughters of Col. William Robinson. Fannie's daughter "Captain" passed away in Anchorage, Alaska from a stroke. Her funeral was held in Weleetka Feb. 28. Fannie's funeral was held at Thlophlocco on March 1. Rev. Elmer Berryhill preached both theirs and Vann's funeral. We were sorry to learn he lost his own mother the next week. Our vicinity will deeply miss Rev. Oscar Harjo. He was a deeply spiritual man.

Earlier in the fall the center took 49 Indian children from kindergarten thru sixth grade to the Ice Capades in Tulsa with three sponsors and two bus drivers. A trip is being planned in the Spring or early summer to Okla. City.

Don't forget the Muskogee-Seminole-Wichita Baptist Indian Association's, April 16 - Day Camp for 6-7 yr. olds, starting 9:30 a.m. 17th Cooperative program re-emphasized, 18-19 Baptist Doctrinal Studies week for Biblical Authority.

OBITUARIES

ELIZABETH "CAP" AUTRY

Funeral services for Captain Elizabeth "Cap" Autry, 59, were held Feb. 28 in the First United Methodist church of Weleetka with Rev. Elmer Berryhill and Rev. Jay D. Jackson.

Ms. Autry was born Jan. 1, 1924 at the Autry Ranch, near Weleetka, and died Feb. 24 in an Anchorage, Alaska hospital.

A 1941 graduate of Weleetka High School, she was employed with the Bureau of Indian Affairs as a land officer in Juneau, Alaska at the time of death.

She was the daughter of Riley Autry and Fannie Robinson Autry.

Survivors include a daughter, Camille Johnson of Wetumka; a brother, Mel Autry of Bokchito; a sister, Callie Janie Maschal of Oklahoma City; two grandchildren, Linda and Aaron Johnson, and a host of relatives.

Pallbearers were Cliff Jones, Billy King, Jonas Dunson, A.J. Shirley, Sonny McKinney, Chief Harjo and Shot Harjo. Honorary pallbearers were Nat Marshal, Slick Ware, Sammy Marshal, Joe Brown, Roy Puckett, Elmer Martin and Gene Dunson. Interment was in the Weleetka Hillcrest cemetery.

LOUIE BUCKLEY

Louie Buckley, age 81 died Wednesday at the VA hospital, Oklahoma City.

He was born April 15, 1921 in Wetumka. He was a member of the Sand Creek Baptist church, World War II army veteran and was a welder in the oil industry. He had lived in Oklahoma City the past several years.

Survivors are his wife, Delia, of the home, Oklahoma City; six children, four sons and two daughters; 25 grandchildren; three brothers, Harvey Buckley of Wetumka; Kozy Buckley of Weleetka; Ledon Buckley of California; four sisters, Geneva Fish and Yvonne Battiest, both of Wetumka; Betty Hill, Okmulgee and Martha Allen, of California.

Services were held at Sand Creek Baptist Church, Rev. Charlie Fish and Rev. Sam Haney officiated the service, interment was in the Sand Creek Church cemetery.

DREYFUSS F. (CHIEF) BRUNER

Dreyfuss Francis "Chief" Bruner, 83, of Wagoner died recently in his home. Mr. Bruner was born August 25, 1899 in Coweta Mission, Indian Territory, Bruner was a member of a prominent Creek Indian family. His father was superintendent of the Coweta Government Mission and the Bruner Cemetery has been recognized by the Oklahoma Historical Society.

Bruner played with Jim Thorpe at Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Ks. Upon graduation, he first was employed by Bert Hodges, a newspaper man in Okmulgee. He later was a printer for the Wagoner Record Democrat and Wagoner Tribune for 50 years and worked with handset and hot metal type. He also was Creek interpreter at Wagoner District Court.

Survivors include a daughter, Barbara James, of Tulsa; two sisters, Beatrice Bruner and Jeannie Smith, both of Coweta; three grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

JAMES BUNNY

Funeral services for James A. Bunny, 67 were conducted Feb. 24, at the Thewahle Indian Baptist Church. Rev. Bryant Jesse officiated the service.

Mr. Bunny was born May 15, 1915 in Dustin and was a resident of Henryetta.

Survivors include his wife Mrs. Lucille Bunny of the home, one son, Gaines Bunny, Henryetta, three daughters, Elizabeth Ingram, Henryetta, Roselyn Fry, Tulsa, and Marion Fry of Henryetta, a step-daughter, Marge Smith, Montgomery Ala.; two step-sons, Robert R. Mendoya, Bangor, Ma. and Durango C. Mendoya of Oak Park, Ill.; two sisters Irene Odom, Dustin, and Lorene Baker, Philadelphia, Miss. four brother, Abraham Bunny, Okmulgee, Newman Bunny, Bristow, Clarence Bunny, Tulsa, and George Bunny Jr., Oklahoma City and 14 grandchildren.

FANNIE G. AUTRY

Mrs. Fannie G. Autry, a longtime resident of the Weleetka-Wetumka area, died Feb. 27, in the Okmulgee Memorial hospital at the age of 92. Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. March 1 in the Thlophlocco Methodist Church, north of Wetumka, with Rev. Elmer Berryhill officiating. Interment was in the Weleetka Hillcrest cemetery.

Mrs. Autry was born Dec. 17, 1890 southeast of Weleetka, Indian Territory, the daughter of George Frazier Robinson and Jane Vann Robinson. She attended the Nuyaka Mission, Wetumka Mission and Big Prairie schools.

She and John Riley Autry were married in Holdenville on Nov. 1, 1908. They resided southeast of Weleetka for almost 50 years where they owned and operated the Lazy Y Ranch. They moved to Wetumka in the 1960's. A member of the Wetumka Freewill Baptist Church and Tuchabatcher Tribal Town, Mrs. Autry was residing at a Wetumka Nursing Home at the time of death.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Riley, and 6 children, Schly Clem, Fannie Lee, Frank, Margaret Hellen, Vann and Captain.

Survivors include a son Mel Autry of Bokchito; a daughter, Call Jean Maschal of Oklahoma City; 4 granddaughters; 3 grandsons; 7 great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives.

Pallbearers were Joe Brown, Jonas Dunson, Chief Harjo, Jimmy Johnson, Sonny McKinney, Shot Harjo, Cliff Jones and Billy King.

MARGARET SANDS

Mrs. Margaret Sands died at her home north of Wetumka, Wednesday at the age of 60.

Mrs. Sands was born October 13, 1922 in Eufaula. She had been a resident of this area 19 years.

Survivors include two daughters, Diana Tiger of the home and Sandra Harjo of Holdenville; a son A. Daniel Sands of Dallas, Tx.; six grandchildren; one brother Daniel Drew, Tulsa; two sister, Edna Pashal, of North Carolina and Grace Hawkins of McAlester.

Services were held at the Buckley Funeral Home Chapel.

AMY BERRYHILL

Funeral services for Mrs. Amy Berryhill, 82 were conducted March 9, at the Honey Creek Methodist Church. Rev. Sam Haney and Rev. Eugene Sunny officiated the service.

Interment was in the Berryhill family cemetery.

Mrs. Berryhill died March 7, in Okemah. She was born March 28, 1900 in Henryetta and was a member of the Honey Creek Methodist Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Lucille Bear and Dicey Taryola of Henryetta, and Christine Harjo of Oklahoma City, two sons, Walter Sam Berryhill, Oklahoma City, and Elmer Berryhill of Wetumka, 34 grandchildren and 45 great-grandchildren.

CHRISTINE RILEY

Funeral services for Mrs. Christine Birdcreek Riley, 50, were conducted March 25 at the Arbeka Indian Baptist Church. Rev. Roley Haynes officiated the service.

Interment was in the Hutchechuppa Indian cemetery under the direction of the Shurden Funeral Home.

Mrs. Riley, Route One, Weleetka, died March 22 in Tulsa. She was born Dec. 15, 1932 in Bryant. She was a member of the Arbeka Indian Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, John Riley of the home, one son, Jonathan Riley, two daughters, Trillia Riley of the home and Judy Kesley, Henryetta, one sister, Mildred Harjo, Dustin, three brothers, Jimmy, Wallace and Sullivan Birdcreek, Phoenix, AZ.; her father, Timmie Birdcreek, Weleetka and two grandchildren.

LINDY HARJO

Lindy Harjo, age 63, died April 7 at her home south of Wetumka.

She was born December 3, 1919 in Wetumka. She was a lifetime resident of the area and a member of the Thewahle Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ward Harjo, in 1976. She is survived by four sons, Willie and Marcey Harjo both of Wetumka; Eugene Harjo, of Oklahoma City, and Jimmy Harjo of Pauls Valley; four daughters, Diane Lowe and Eliza Barnett of Holdenville; Anna Bemo of Wewoka and Donna Harjo, of Weleetka; a step-daughter, Florence Aticho, Harrah; a half-brother, Cecil Johnson, Los Angeles, CA. three sisters, Lillie Canard of Wetumka; Susie Harjo, Shawnee; Emma Hudson of Mustang, seven grandchildren; six step-grandchildren and two step-great grandchildren.

Services were held April 10 at the Thewahle Indian Methodist Church. Interment was in the Johnson family cemetery.

WINEY DOUGLAS

Funeral services for Mrs. Winey Douglas, 105, were conducted February 23, at the Arbeka Indian Baptist Church. Rev. Roley Haynes officiated the service.

Interment was in the Fish Family cemetery.

Mrs. Douglas was born January 8, 1878 in Okmulgee County.

Survivors include one son, Sandy Randall, Henryetta, one brother, Joe Fish, Harrah, six grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and 10 great great-grandchildren.

IDELLE BEAR

Services for Mrs. Idelle Bear, 59, of Eufaula were held April 8 at the First Baptist Church with the Revs. Jonas Baptist Church, Revs. Jonas Partridge and Tom Bear Jr. officiated the services.

Pallbearers were Brice McKenny, Roger Barton, James Dawson, Larry Mann, Bobby Greenwood, and Bo Bear.

Mrs. Bear was born April 5, 1913, in Arkansas. She was a retired employee of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services with 31 years service and a member of the Many Springs Indian Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Tom Bear Sr. of the home; a son, Micotnec Barnett; a sister, Lucille Greenwood, a brother Everett both of Oklahoma City and several nieces and nephews.

PERLIE B. FOX

Funeral services for Mrs. Perlle B. Fox 81 were conducted Feb. 24, at the Cantrell Ivory Chapel. Rev. Sam Haney and Rev. Eugene Sunny officiated the services.

Mrs. Fox died Feb. 20 in an Okmulgee nursing home. She was born Dec. 26, 1901 in Oklahoma I.T.

National Indian Newspaper is Editorially Strong

Wassaja, a national newspaper of Indian America, with a circulation above 40,000, has attacked both sides of a political controversy - the Federal Administration and various Indian groups. The Indian groups are deemed to be bending to the will of Interior Secretary James Watt in what Wassaja perceives is an effort to terminate the Indian/Federal relationship.

In its February issue, Wassaja says that the National Congress of American Indians, the Native American Rights funds, and the Council of Energy Resource Tribes have attempted to "make policy" for the Indian tribes.

That the all-Indian newspaper, which has been published since 1970, has the support of most Indian tribes, is evidence in a front page report that the National Tribal Chairmen's Association and the Indian Water Rights Coalition, have asked for an investigation of CERT, and have warned all three groups not to attempt to "make policy" for the tribes.

The newspaper is strong in its editorial section, and equally strong in a column written by its editor-in-chief, Rupert Costo, a Cahuilla Indian of southern California.

Costo, together with the tribal chairmen, asks for the removal of Interior Secretary Watt, because of his failure to protect Indian water rights and because he is favorable to the termination of the Indian/Federal relationship.

The newspaper is published six times a year, from the headquarters of the publisher, the American Indian Historical Society.

Wassaja is not available at news stands, but a subscription or a single copy is available by mail from its headquarters at 1451 Masonic Ave. San Francisco, CA. 94117.

International Native Christian Festival Will Meet At Estes Park, Colorado

From June 30 - July 3, 1983 at Estes Park, Colorado, the first International Native Christian Festival will convene at the Y.M.C.A. Conference Center. American Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts have been invited to participate in nightly concerts, daily native arts and crafts exhibits and morning seminars. Some of the more than twenty (20) native musical groups attending will include; the world famous Klaut Family, Antone Family, Comanche Children's Choir, the Claus Family, Smith Family and many, many more.

Outstanding native artists will exhibit their paintings, rugweaving, pottery, sculpture, silver-turquoise jewelry, wood-carving, baskets, shawls, quilts, etc.

Some of the foremost Christian Indian pastors and leaders will be speaking, including; Eddie Lindsey (Creek), pastor of Glorieta Baptist Church, Okla. City, OK.; Charlie Lee (Navajo), pastor of the Desert View Assembly of God, Shiprock, N.M.; and Tom Claus (Mohawk), president of CHIEF, INC., Phoenix, AZ.

A complete program of activities is planned for youth and children, including top recreational facilities. The conference center is located next to the Rocky Mountain National Park

with all its scenic splendor and near the quaint resort village of Estes Park with its hundreds of shops.

All tribes are invited. Accommodations range from campgrounds, dormitories, to deluxe lodges. For more information, write to: Ray Smith, Coordinator, CHIEF, Inc., P.O. Box 37000, Phoenix, AZ. 85069.

Community Indian Baptist Schedules Revival in May

The Community Indian Baptist Church, 520 S. Adams, Sapulpa, Ok. will be having a weekend revival May 6-8. Four services will be held each with a different speaker.

Beginning Friday, May 6 at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Jimmy Anderson of Shawnee, Ok. will be speaker. On Saturday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Larry Kingfisher of Jay, Ok. will be present. The Sunday morning message will be brought by Rev. Dan Phillips, Jr. of Stidham, Ok. at 11:00 a.m. The Revival will conclude Sunday afternoon with Rev. Jonas Partridge of Sapulpa, Ok. at 2:30 p.m.

A short prayer meeting will be held before the evening services at 6:45 on Friday and Saturday. Everyone is invited to attend by pastor, Rev. John L. Fixico. For further information, Rev. Fixico can be contacted at (918) 224-9231.

Letter From Evangelist Ernest Best . . .

"O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people. Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works". Psalms 105:

We greet you in the lovely Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Our Lord does do wondrous works! It has been quite some time since we have written you. It hasn't been because of lack of news, but lack of opportunity. We have been very busy.

We have been in meetings in Phoenix, Arizona, Shurz, Nevada, Jerseyville, Ill., Gillespie, Ill., McLaughlin, S.D., Seminole, Ok., and Pawnee, Ok., and a week long seminar in Tulsa, Ok. Of course, each meeting is unique. The Lord always blesses. We meet many new, wonderful friends.

In South Dakota, we experienced the winter which we haven't had this year in Oklahoma, and a blizzard like eastern Oklahoma never has. But, we also got to see some dear friends from Ft. Yates, N.D. who came each night.

In Shurz, Nev., Walker Lake Paiute Reservation, we saw the Lord move in an unusual way. People filled the building each night, then as the Lord dealt, they responded to His call. There were 13 saved. Most of them were adults. Once again, God poured out His blessings in Pawnee, Ok. There were large crowds every night. There were 50-60 decisions. We saw homes and families put back together, several came for salvation, some came for deliverance from alcohol and drugs, and many teenagers and young adults fully committed their lives to the Lord. Praise the Lord, He is still at work in the lives of people.

As this letter goes out, I am in Prince Albert, Sask., Canada. Please pray that I might be used mightily of the Lord. I will return Sunday night and begin a meeting in Lawrence, Ks. on Monday night. Please pray also for traveling grace and physical strength. God is blessing in other ways also. People have been sending us some Bibles and tracts which are much needed in our work. We appreciate them very much. We have also started receiving money to help pay for the travel trailer. We are praising God!

We have started using the travel trailer. It is really nice. With it, we are always at home where ever we go. We feel that we are not a burden to people since they don't have to provide a place for use to stay.

We thank you for your prayers and support. We pray and trust God will meet the needs of your life, and use you where you are.

In His Service
Bro. Ernest & Bennie Best

Bacone College Seeks Alumni

The Bacone College Alumni Association is searching for all graduates of classes in "3". These graduates will be specially honored during the annual Bacone Alumni Reunion and Banquet on May 14-15 in Muskogee, Ok.

Anyone who has any information on graduates of 1913, 1923, 1933, 1943, 1953, 1963, and 1973, is asked to contact the Alumni Office of the college.

Alumni and friends of the college are invited to the reunion, which will be held at the college and the Muskogee Holiday Inn.

Guest speaker for the banquet will be Alicia Yarbrough Ellis of Kansas City, Mo., a 1958 Bacone graduate. Tickets for the banquet, which will be held in the Holiday Inn Pool Room, are \$8 each, and advance reservations can be made through the Alumni Office.

Alumni registration will begin at 8:30 p.m. in Atalua Lodge on the campus, and will continue in room 110 of the Holiday Inn following the business meeting.

Guests are also invited to attend the 1983 commencement exercises on the evening of May 13, when around 90 students are expected to receive their degrees.

Bacone college, founded in 1880 in Tahlequah, Indian Territory, is the oldest continuing college in Oklahoma, and the oldest college in the nation specializing in education for American Indian students. The college features an outstanding two-year liberal arts curriculum, stressing both high academic achievement and individual instruction.

For more information on the reunion and banquet, contact the Alumni Office at Bacone College, Muskogee, Ok. 74401, or call 918-683-4581.

Fire Destroys Landmark

Fire recently destroyed a camphouse at Newtown Indian Methodist Church, located west and north of Okmulgee. The camphouse belonged to Principal Chief Claude Cox and was constructed around 1900 by his grandfather, Samuel Haynes who was District Judge for the Old Creek Nation.

The grass fire that got close enough to set the building on fire apparently started from burning trash. Church members worked fervently carrying

water in pails from the dining hall, but to no avail. Two fire trucks were sent to the scene and firefighters worked for about an hour to save the rest of the buildings from catching on fire in the camp area as family and friends recalled their individual memories of the house.

The building was being used for storage space. The loss of the little log cabin will not mean much in dollars, but was priceless in memories and history to many Creeks.



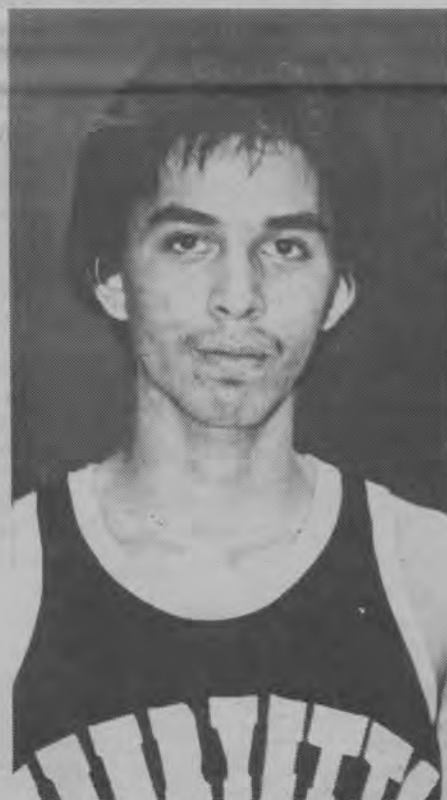
Photo by Gary Robinson



Carol Bear Chosen For Gifted Program

Carol Bear, 8 years old, has been chosen to be one of the students to participate in the Gifted and Talented Program at Mason Elementary.

Carol is in the third grade. She has been an "A" student since the first grade. She was selected to be in the program because of her outstanding ability in language and reading. Carol is the daughter of Irene Sands and the granddaughter of Earl and Wisey Sands.



Daryl Dunson Named Outstanding Player

Henryetta senior Daryl Dunson was named as the conference's outstanding basketball player during the conference's coaches meeting last week.

Henryetta High School boys basketball coach Wiley Ryal announced the selection.

Dunson, a three-year starter for the Hens, scored 1,124 points in his career, averaging 17 and 19.5 points a game in his past two seasons.

He was named most valuable player in the Eufaula Tournament last year and won two shooting contest at the ORU basketball camp.

Creek Students Named To Bacone Honor Roll

Five Creek students have been named to the fall 1982 Dean's Honor Roll at Bacone College in Muskogee, Ok.

In order to make the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must have completed at least 12 hours, have no grade below a C, and earn a grade point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Students qualifying for the honor roll include sophomore, Thomas A. Cropp of Spark; freshman, Patricia Ann Harjo, Park Hill; JoAnn Harrison, Muskogee; Sarah Kaler, Morris and Carol Pekah, Tahlequah.

Bacone is a two-year liberal arts college. Founded in 1880, the college is the oldest institution of higher education in the state of Oklahoma, and the oldest college in the nation specializing in education for American Indians. Major programs of study at Bacone include registered nursing, radiologic technology, computer science, business and art.



SNOOKY SMITH

Snooky Smith of Glenpool, competed in Eastern Regionals Wrestling Tournament at Miami, Ok., on February 18. Snooky placed 3rd at 70 lbs. which qualified him for State tournament in Okla. City. Only 16 boys in his weight class were eligible to attend the State tournament. In the Okla. City tournament Snooky placed 5th. Snooky is the son of Raymond and Toby Smith, and the grandson of Jonas and Mable Partridge.

Sandra Lewis Selected In High School Who's Who

Sandra Lewis, daughter of William Lewis of Tulsa and Waukomis Lewis of Claremore, has been selected as a member of "Who's Who Among American High School Students". She will appear in their annually published yearbook for 1982/83.

Sandra was selected by her fellow seniors at Claremore High School as "Best Dressed" senior girl among the "Senior Favorites" and will appear in the local newspapers and the high school yearbook. Her future plans include attending the University of Oklahoma next fall. Her grandparents are George and Elsie Lewis of Fayil, Ok. and Rev. Lee and Helen Chupco of Muskogee, OK.



Eric Harjo, (center) son of James and Shirley Harjo, 712 N. 6th, receiving his 1st place Weight lifting trophy from Dr. Larry McKinney, Principal of Okemah Middle School. A recent weight lifting meet was held at Okemah in which, Eric won his division in the 99 pound and under. Looking on from left to right are: Front; David Canard son of Joe and Jenny Canard, 108 B Fus Cate St; Eric, Jesse Scott, son of Betty Scott A 102 Este Cate and Dr. McKinney. 2nd row; Ray Watson, son of Alice Watson; Leroy Harjo, son of Louls and Lucinda Harjo, Rt. 3 Okemah; and Robby Deere, son of James and Christine Burgess, 307 Ashway. All are of Okemah Middle School and are members of the Okemah Indian Club.

Fannie Reece Awarded Art Scholarship

Fannie Reece, a Creek from Moscow, Ks. is a sophomore at Hutchinson Community Jr. College. She was on the President's Honor Roll for the fall semester, 1982. Fannie has a grade point average of 4.0 she has a double major in English and Art. She was awarded a scholarship by the Viniette's Association of Art (Artists) for the third time. She will graduate from HCJC in May.

Fannie also takes Karate. She completed and earned all her stripes on her white belt, and also got her green belt, recently. In order to get her green belt, she had to run 4 miles, do 400 set-ups and 400 push-ups, she did all this in one morning.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Reece of Moscow, Ks. and the grand-daughter of Fannie Chalakee of Coweta, OK.

Elizabeth Morris Selected Outstanding Young Woman of America

Elizabeth Lynette Morris, Creek Student at Washburn University, Topeka, Ks. has been selected as one of the Outstanding Young Women of America for 1982. This award is in recognition of her outstanding ability, accomplishments, and service to her community. The award was presented to Elizabeth by the Organization of Outstanding Young Women of America. Elizabeth is a student with the Creek Nation Higher Education Scholarship Program.

Ruth Arrington Receives Woman of Achievement

Dr. Ruth Arrington, professor of speech and coordinator for Indian studies at Northeastern State University, recently received the Women of Achievement Award from the Oklahoma division of the American Association of University. Dr. Arrington, who is Creek, was nominated by the Tahlequah chapter for cultural achievements.

"Indian Business Person Of the Year" Selected

The man selected "Indian Business Person of the Year" by Oklahomans for Indian Opportunity (OIO) in 1982 has now been elected President of the Native American Chamber of Commerce in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

J.D. Duncan, owner of Duncan Engineering and Site Development in Broken Arrow, Ok., was elected to a one-year term along with two other officers. Lewis Ketchum, owner of Red Man Pipe and Supply of Tulsa, was elected Vice-President. The new treasurer is Bud McGrath of Railroad Contractors of Tulsa.

The Chamber was founded in 1980 by the Native American Coalition of Tulsa (NACT) to provide increased visibility and training opportunities for Indian businesses and business people. Of that mission, Duncan says, "We will do anything and everything we can to spread the word about these companies' goods and services to possible buyers. We'll also work to make sure these Indian business people are aware of sources of technical assistance to solve problems and take advantage of opportunities."

Duncan says the Native American Chamber of Commerce is currently in the process of publishing its second directory of members. "Many large corporations don't meet their minority set-aside goals and claim they don't know where the Indian owned companies are," he says. "This lets them know where these businesses are and what they can deliver."

Duncan was selected for the OIO honor in October 1982. It recognized Duncan's determination and good business judgement in coming back from setbacks to build a highly competitive firm with assistance from the OIO Business Development Center.



Higher Education

At this time, most of our students funded for the spring term have received their grants if they have sent in their fall grades.

One important change in the eligibility of prospective students is the recent passage of the ordinance requiring all Higher Education recipients to be enrolled tribal members.

Therefore, all new and renewal students must not only present our office with an up-to-date Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood card issued by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, but henceforth must also present the Creek Nation enrollment card.

This requirement was initiated due to a growing number of applicants' who were of a mixture of Creek and other tribes, applying for aid through the Creek Nation program, while being counted as enrolled members of another tribe.

This usually was brought about by policies that governed the amount of funding available to them through the program that administered the Higher Education program for their other tribal affiliation.

Program thanks to the administration and the National Council for the prompt action that will make for a stronger grant program.

In the same vein, it should also be stressed that unlike many Indian programs, Creek Nation Higher Education funds can only be used for those of Creek blood and are not for all Indians who reside within a certain boundary.

Every year I receive numerous call from prospective students who have applied to our program, but have not filled out and mailed the (FFS) Family Financial Statement that is required by all financial aid offices to determine if they are eligible for school and BIA-Creek Higher Education funds. Without the information contained on the (SAR) Student Aid Report, the aid offices cannot determine if a student is eligible for aid and subsequently for Creek Nation Higher Education funds.

The Higher Education office does not receive information as to a family or persons financial background. Information of this type is available only to the financial aid office at the college or university the person plans to attend.

With most aid programs being reduced through cut backs, it would be in a prospective students best interest to apply now for aid for the summer and fall terms. Institutions across the country have indicated to

this office that aid will be awarded on a "First come . . . first served" basis. Another important item is that for the past two fall terms, the financial aid offices were not able to tell a student if they were eligible or how much funding they would receive until shortly before school has actually started. This has caused a large number of our students to not enroll due to the uncertainty of funding. This office will be working with the Oklahoma Association of student financial aid administration to try and work out a solution to this problem.

Don Standing Elk, the Bureau of Indian Affairs Scholarship Officer from Washington, D.C. recently paid our office a visit and seemed pleased with our program and the things we were

doing. We presented him a copy of our policy and procedure manual that we are using to guide the program. Mr. Standing Elk indicated that he would use it as a model for other tribes who are thinking of contracting their own Higher Education program. It seemed our philosophy about the intent of the program was basically the same, but on some things our program expected more of the students we funded.

As programs are being cut across the nation, it is becoming more and more important to furnish Washington with the qualitative and quantitative information needed to show the need for and the results of the Higher Education programs. Thus, it is very important that the students we sponsor, furnish this office transcripts when they have graduated. This may give others the opportunity they were afforded.

The program's assistant scholarship officer position has been filled with the selection of Thomas Sullivan. Mr. Sullivan has a masters degree from Northeastern State University and was at one time area coordinator for the State Department Johnson O'Malley program. He will be working closely with our students in state colleges as well as area high schools. I am sure the students will enjoy working with Mr. Sullivan in any area they may need his help. MVTO

Fellowship Grants Are Now Available At Penn State

By: Dan Burgess

Graduate Fellowships for American Indian graduate students are available under a grant sponsored by the United States Department of Education. American Indian graduate students who are accepted into the program will receive remission of tuition, a monthly stipend of approximately \$650.00 and travel expense.

Those who wish to apply should immediately contact: Dr. Grayson Noley, Pennsylvania State University, 320 Rackley Building, University Park, PA. 16802. 814-865-1489.

The overriding purpose of the existence of this fellowship program is to provide Indian communities and schools which serve substantial numbers of Indian children with well-trained school personnel who are, themselves, Indian. The deadline for the receipt of applications is April 15, 1983.

A former colleague of mine from the time we both worked at a State University is presently attending Penn State and working toward a Doctorate degree. She has indicated that the program would like to have more applicants from this area.

A listing of graduates and their present positions indicate that their qualifications are readily acceptable by professional agencies.

During this period of educational austerity by State governments, it would be a smart career move for some of our Creek Nation graduates to investigate programs such as these for greater latitude in job opportunities.



Don Standing Elk, Bureau of Indian Affairs Scholarship Officer, Washington, D.C., recently visited with Dan Burgess, manager of the Creek Nation Higher Education Program to obtain a copy of the program's Policy and Procedure which will be used as a model for other tribes contracting from the Bureau. The Creek Nation Higher Education scholarship program was one of the first in the nation to contract services from the Bureau.

Nationwide Search Conducted For Native American Actors/Actresses

Four Seasons Productions (Native American owned & operated) is conducting a nationwide search for Native American actors and actresses, ages 1 to 100 to establish a complete and comprehensive pool of Native American acting talent. 2. Provide a single, centralized location of access to Native American actors and actresses for casting in television commercials, television movies and feature films. 3. Eliminate past excuses and cop-outs by "Hollywood", that there are no qualified Indian actors, by proving otherwise. 4. Eliminate need for hiring other ethnics for native roles by providing ready access to photos and resumes on qualified Native American talent. 5. Promote inclusion of Native Americans in "mainstream" productions for roles that are not specifically designated as "Indian", i.e., attorneys, teachers, etc.

Currently, there are three major projects in some stage of development, that deal with Native American stories. One of those is a mini-series based on Dee Brown's, *Bury My Heart At Wounded Knee*. There will be a very real need in the near future for qualified Native American actors and actresses.

Recently, the Public Broadcasting System (PBS) purchased programming for the 1983-84 season. It includes programs dealing with the Asian, Black and Chicano cultures. There are none currently scheduled on Native Americans. But we need to be ready when future scripts and programs are available. We want to actively promote roles for Native American actors and actresses.

Remember: The primary goal is to identify and locate qualified, professional actors and actresses for major roles and secondary "bit" speaking parts. There will be a need for "extras" and non-speaking roles, but the MAIN focus is on Native actors

who are professionals.

Registering with Four Seasons Productions does not preclude registration with other agencies closer to home. To register send us the following: 8" x 10", black and white headshot. A resume that clearly states your age, tribal affiliation, home address and phone number. It should include all information related to your acting experience, either on stage or in film. (Include height, weight, etc.) Since children change so quickly, it isn't worth the expense of having head shots done. Just include clear snapshots where the facial features are clearly visible. Send all information preferably before April 30, 1983 to Four Seasons Production, 219 First Avenue North, Suite 141, Seattle, WA. 98109.

Lummi Casino Gambling May be Halted by State

The U.S. Attorney in Seattle, Washington, has requested a court order to end the Lummi Indians popular blackjack casino-gambling operation unless the tribe complies with state laws.

A tribal attorney said the request is an amicable attempt to clarify state and federal laws. He said tribal representatives, federal attorneys and state gambling officials met earlier and agreed to ask the court to resolve the state's jurisdiction over the gambling games on the reservation.

The director of the state gambling commission, Keith Kisor, said he thinks the Lummis are using legal loopholes to skirt state laws. "There should be a court decision on whether or not, from a federal point of view, any group should be able to violate state law via a legal technicality," he said. A tribal spokesman said the tribe was taking in more than \$5,000 a weekend from the games which began January 7.

APPROVED NATIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES: JANUARY 1983

ROLL CALL: Eight members were present, they were as follows: Helen Chupco, Richard Lamey, Andy Bible, Carney Roberts, Clarence Cloud, Nelson Johnson, Sandy McIntosh and Kenneth L. Childers. A quorum was declared and all business transacted during this quarterly meeting would be considered valid and all transactions would be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws. **READING OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the last meeting, December 18, 1982 had been mailed prior to this meeting. Chair entertained discussion. There not being any the Chair entertained a motion. Motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Roberts to approve the minutes as read. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ORDERS OF BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS: 1. The Old Business consisted of three ordinances which had been placed on the agenda for consideration but were postponed until this meeting date where they appeared on the agenda for consideration.

NCA 82-74. An Ordinance of the Muscogee Nation Providing for Regular and Special Elections (An amendment to NCA 81-82). The Ordinance was not read, however, it had been approved by the National Council on December 18, 1982 by a majority vote of four in favor, two abstentions and one against, and was submitted to the Office of the Principal Chief for final approval, but was vetoed by that office on December 30, 1982. Therefore it was placed on the Agenda for further consideration this January 29, 1983. (See attached proclamation-Attachment "A") The Chair entertained discussion. After discussion was held Mr. Johnson recommended that further research be made on this ordinance. The Chair entertained a motion. Motion was made by Lamey and seconded by Roberts to table NCA 82-74. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. **Motion Carried.**

NCA 82-76. An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Amending the Tribal Judicial Code to Provide that Tribal Institutions of Government are Exempt from Tribal Court Filing Fee Costs. This ordinance was not read, however, during the December 18, 1982 Regular Scheduled meeting of the National Council, action was taken it was decided that the Ordinance would be postponed until this meeting of January 29, 1983. The reason for postponement was for "further research". The chair entertained a discussion. It was stated that the Judicial Branch was the only ones that could establish its own court costs and fees. (see attachment "B" a letter dated January 29, 1983 from the Office of the Principal Chief). The Chair entertained a motion. **Motion:** was made by Lamey and seconded by Bible to postpone this ordinance indefinitely. **Roll Call Vote:** Seven in Favor, none against and no abstentions. **Motion Carried.**

NCA 82-77. An Ordinance of the Muscogee Nation Pertaining to Participants in Tribal Programs Who Object to Administrative Selection of a Vendor for Goods or Services. This Ordinance had been postponed during the December 18, 1982 Regular scheduled meeting of the National Council and at the time of action it had been made in the request for postponement that it appear on the Agenda for this month. The Ordinance was read and considered as follows: **Section 101.** Findings. The National Council finds that tribal programs whether federally funded or tribally funded, follow acceptable purchasing and vendor selection procedures. **Section 102:** Any person who has been selected by the Muscogee Nation to receive goods or services, who rejects goods or services solely because of the identity of the vendor selected by the tribal program, shall lose their priority status under that program. The Chair entertained discussion. There not being any, the Chair entertained a motion. **Motion:** A motion was made by Cloud and seconded by Chupco to approve NCA 82-77 as read. **Roll Call Vote:** Seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. **Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS: A. A Bill to be Introduced in the Muscogee (Creek) National Council Approving an Oil and Gas Lease on Tribal Lands located in Okfuskee/Seminole District. The Bill was read as follows: **Section 101.** The Oil and Gas Lease dated November 9, 1982, between the Muscogee Nation and Jordan Oil and Gas Company of Santa Rose, California, for a primary term of three years and for a royalty of 20% (twenty percent) and for a cash bonus of \$2,200.00 is hereby approved by the Muscogee Nation. The Ordinance having been read the Chair entertained discussion. Discussion was held and the Chair entertained a motion: **Motion:** A motion was made by Cloud and seconded by Roberts to adopt this Bill. **Roll Call Vote:** Seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. **Motion Carried.**

B. A Bill to be Introduced in the Muscogee (Creek) National Council Amending the Tribal Contracts Ordinance to Authorize Additional Tribal Programs. The Bill was read and considered as follows: **Section 101.** The Tribal Contracts Ordinance for Fiscal Year 1983 NCA 82-38 as amended is hereby further amended at Section 153 (A) (2) by adding a new paragraph, (b) to read: (b) Administration for Native Americans. **Section 103.** The above contracts having been approved by the Muscogee Nation, the Principal Chief shall implement said contracts according to the provisions of the 1983 Tribal Contracts Ordinance, NCA 82-38 as amended. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained discussion. Discussion was held as follows: The Chair recognized Carney Roberts. In the application for Federal Assistance for the "Indian Child Welfare Grant" on page 9 of the proposal, I would like to ask at this time to delete paragraph "C". **Speaker:** You're speaking of Paragraph "C" which reads, "the Community Services may assign the program to a Social Research Administration or another appropriate entity. **Speaker:** Yes. **Mr. Johnson:** It's not written in the ordinance, it's written into the contract proposal. **Mr. Breshears, Executive Director:** Mr. Speaker, the Executive Director, Office of the Administration recommends that the program remains the same in the organizational units "Community Research Development" and we also make recommendations that it will not be attempted to change it to another organizational unit, and that the proposal and the narrative Bill be changed to that affect. **Mr. Johnson:** You will make that change in the proposal. **Mr. Breshears:** Yes. There not being any more discussion, the Chair entertained a motion. **Motion:** A motion was made by Lamey and seconded by Chupco to approve the Bill as read. **Roll Call Vote:** Seven in favor, none against and no abstentions.

C. A Bill Providing for the Chartering System of the Muscogee (Creek) Indian Community Organizations as local self governing entities of the government of the Muscogee Nation. The ordinance was read and considered as follows: **Section 101.** Findings. The National Council finds that: A) the quantity and quality of community services essential for desirable community development is presently lacking among the Indian Communities of the Muscogee Nation, and planning efforts by tribal citizens at the Community level have been at a minimum in recent months because of a basic lack of organized activities and limitations on available resources. B) Over the past five years, the Muscogee Nation has initiated, developed and partially implemented a community chartering process. This process succeeded in organizing twenty-seven (27) community groups in the Muscogee Nation. Several of these groups are still very active. C) Official charters are needed for each of these organizations, to give them a special status under tribal law, and to outline the formal relationship between the chartered communities and

the tribal government. **Section 102.** Declaration of Policy. It is the policy of the Muscogee Nation to encourage the maximum participation of Muscogee (Creek) Indian individuals and Muscogee (Creek) Indian community organizations in all phases of tribal activities and to facilitate the effort of the Muscogee (Creek) Indian communities to become chartered entities for the purpose of increasing their participation in the planning, conducting and administration of programs for the benefit of Indians which should be more responsive to the needs and desires of those communities. Through this method of participatory democracy, the needs and perceptions of tribal citizens are made known more clearly and directly. **Section 103.** Muscogee (Creek) Indian community organizations may apply for a tribal charter by submitting a written report to the Principal Chief. The report shall contain the following information: A) A dates of and number of Muscogee citizens attending organizational-community meetings. B) A constitution, which provides in part that: 1. Membership is open only to enrolled citizens of the Muscogee Nation. Communities may adopt rules which permit associated membership by non-citizens, and associate members may participate in all activities except governing activities. 2. Officers must be enrolled as full citizens of the Muscogee Nation. 3. Elections of officers shall not be held more than 12 months apart. 4. A regular meeting date and a procedure for calling special meetings must be established. 5. A procedure for adopting a Community Needs Assessment, and a related procedure for adopting a Community Plan must be established. 6. A requirement that all actions by the Community Organization must have prior approval of the membership participating in an open meeting. 7. A statement that the Community organization shall provide services in its area to persons eligible under tribal ordinance. 8. A statement that the community organization is organized under tribal law, and is subject to the Constitution and ordinances of the Muscogee Nation. C. The area in the Muscogee Nation which the organization shall serve must be clearly described. An adopted map of this area or a written description of the area shall be acceptable. D) A current Community Needs assessment, adopted by the community organization. E) A current Community Plan, adopted by the community organization. F) A community request for Charter, adopted by the community organization in an open meeting. **Section 104.** The Principal Chief shall inform the Comprehensive Planning Administration (Division of Tribal Affairs) of the receipt of community reports which request issuance of a charter. The Comprehensive Planning Administration shall prepare an analysis of the tribal government's consideration of the request for issuance of a charter. This analysis shall include, but not be limited to, discussions of the following factors: a. The degree of grass-roots participation among the community. b. The number of successful community projects during the past five (5) years. c. Whether the community desires to be chartered. d. The diversity of the community membership (number of families, churches, and ceremonial grounds represented among the membership). e. The degree to which the community report meets the guidelines in Section 103 of this Ordinance. **Section 105.** The analysis prepared under Section 104 shall be presented to the Principal Chief. **Section 106.** The Comprehensive Planning Administration shall rank community requests for charters according to the analysis under section 104. **Section 107.** The Principal Chief is authorized to approve community requests for charter of the highest rank community (or communities) **Section 108.** Upon approval under section 107 the Principal Chief shall issue a charter to each approved organization. The charter shall contain the following information. A. Official recognition of the Community Organization as a local, self-governing entity of the government of the Muscogee Nation. B. Controversies arising within or between chartered Community. Organizations are within the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. C. Tribally chartered communities shall be assisted in their development of accounting and management systems necessary to subcontract projects from the Muscogee Nation. D. The governing document of the Community Organization is approved, subject to amendments by the Community organization. **Section 109.** The Charter will be considered the legal basis for community organization participation in tribal affairs and the tribal programs. **Section 110.** The Muscogee Nation hereby declares its intent that, by future ordinances, some economic development projects sponsored by the tribal government shall be limited to tribally chartered community organizations. The Ordinance having been read the Chair entertained discussion. Discussion having been held, the Chair entertained a motion. **Motion:** A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Lamey to postpone this Bill entitled Providing for the Chartering System of the Muscogee (Creek) Indian Community Organizations as Local Self-Governing Entities of the Government of the Muscogee Nation, until the next meeting. A motion having been made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seven in favor, none against, and no abstentions. **Motion Carried.**

D. A Bill to be Introduced into the Muscogee (Creek) National Council approving an amendment to the Special Services Attorney Contract with the firm of Mac Nabb and Preston. The ordinance was read and considered as follows: **Section 101.** Findings. The National Council finds that it is in the interest of the Muscogee Nation to extend, for an additional term of six (6) months, the Special Services Attorney Contract dated October 5, 1981, with the firm of MacNabb and Preston, Washington, D.C. for the purpose of legal analysis of tribal claims. **Section 102.** The "Amendment to Special Services Attorney Contract" date January 22, 1983, between the firm of MacNabb and Preston and the Muscogee Nation, is hereby approved by the Muscogee Nation. The ordinance having been read and considered, the Chair entertained discussion. One question was asked about "Why was an extension being requested?" The answer was "because he needed this much time to complete his research on the appeals of court cases." The Chair entertained a motion. **Motion:** A motion was made by Lamey and seconded by Johnson to adopt this bill as read. A motion duly made, and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. **Motion Carried.**

E. A Bill to be Introduced in the Muscogee (Creek) National Council Confirming the Nomination of Nettle Scott to Serve a Five-Year Term on the Citizenship Board. **Section 101.** The nomination by the Principal Chief of Nettle Scott of Okfuskee/Seminole District, a citizen of the Muscogee Nation, to serve a five year term as a member of the citizenship board of the Muscogee Nation is hereby confirmed effective June 1, 1983. The bill having been read, the Chair entertained a discussion. There not being any the Chair entertained a motion. **Motion:** A motion was made by Chupco and seconded by Cloud to approve this

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Remember When . . .



CHAMPIONS OF 1958 - 1959 - 1960

These girls were three times State Basketball Tournament champions and all were from Creek Nation. (Top row l-r) Anna Marie Thomas, Lillian Thomas, Pauline Jones, Sally Jones Goodvoice and Thelma Taryole Barnett. (Bottom row, l-r) Liza Harjo Bucktrot with baby Alvin Jr., Geneva Cooper, Minnie Proctor, Helen Binn, (first name not available) Bemo, Jo Binn and Coach Phoebe Jones. (Photo courtesy of Phoebe Jones.)

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bill as read. **Roll Call Vote:** Seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried.

F. A Bill to be introduced in the Muscogee (Creek) National Council limiting eligibility in the BIA Higher Education Scholarships Program to Persons who are Enrolled Citizens of the Muscogee Nation. The Ordinance was read and considered as follows:

Section 101. Findings. The National Council finds that the Muscogee Nation does not have the financial resources to support higher education scholarship for Muscogee (Creek) Indians by blood who are enrolled members of other federally recognized tribes, nations, bands, pueblos, rancherias or Alaskan Native villages or corporations. **Section 102.** Eligibility of Muscogee (Creek) Indians by blood to participate in the BIA Higher Education Scholarship Programs (currently under contract to the Muscogee Nation) is hereby limited to persons who are enrolled citizens of the Muscogee Nation. **Section 103.** Effective date. The implementations of this ordinance shall be effective regarding any new or renewal application for scholarship services, but shall not interpete services already granted for application of an academic semester, trimester or quarter. The ordinance having been read the Chair entertained discussion. There not being any, the Chair entertained a motion. **Motion:** A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Lamey to approve this bill as read. **Voting Results:** Seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION. None

1. Financial Report.

Mr. Robert Y. Davis, Controller and Treasurer for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation was introduced and gave a brief introductory speech. Mr. Davis introduced Ed Carper and John Ryan, auditors for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Mr. Carper and John Ryan gave their report.

2. Office of the Administration Quarterly Reports.

Mr. Breshears advised the Council that in order to encourage the interchange of information between all components of tribal government, this office prepares, on a quarterly basis, a report of tribal activities. This report also included the activities of Independent Agencies within the Executive Branch. A major accomplishment which began full operation during the first quarter of FY 1983 was the contracting, under P.L. 93-638, the Okmulgee Agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and three Indian Health Service outpatient clinics. Discussion was held on the various items throughout the report.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Mr. Sandy MacNabb, Tribal Attorney for Tribal Claims Development. Mr. MacNabb was introduced and he gave his report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, DISCUSSION, ETC.

1. Planning Session date was set for February 17, 1983, 6:30 P.M., in the Council Chambers, located in the Mound Building, Creek Nation Tribal Capital Complex.

ADJOURNMENT. A motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Johnson to adjourn. By unanimous vote of approval the meeting was adjourned.

MUSCOGEE COMMUNITY NEWS

By Loretta Purdin

The Muscogee Indian Community Organization met at Fife Memorial Methodist Church on Monday, April 4th at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Barney Porter gave the invocation.

Special guests were Chief Claude Cox and Deputy Director, Mike Johnson of the Housing Authority. Information was given on the National Council Meeting and reports by Helen Chupco.

A first draft of the Community constitution and by-laws was presented with further discussion at a special meeting in two weeks.

The Muscogee Indian Community will have a food sale at the Quarterly Council meeting, in Okmulgee at the Tribal Complex on April 30th; a planning and discussion on the menu will be at the special meeting.

We had approximately forty (40) present at the regular meeting. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Johnny Kelly. Following the business meeting, refreshments of cake, coffee and sofke were served.

A special meeting will be held Monday, April 18th at the Fife Memorial Methodist Church, 901 E. Okmulgee at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be a discussion of the by-laws and constitution for a charter. We would like all Indians to attend the meeting within the Muscogee District of the Creek Nation. The food sale for the Quarterly Council meeting, April 30 will be discussed. Please come!

The next regular meeting will be May 2 (the first Monday of the month) at Fife Memorial Church.

CASTLE COMMUNITY NEWS

By Christine Henneha

I haven't sent any news item in from Castle Indian Muscogee Community since November 82. I don't know when the dead line or when does the Muscogee News goes out. It seems the papers comes to me about every 4 months. So, I don't know when to send the news in. And what kind of news cause, like I say, its about 4 mo. before I get the paper. I will send a few lines in.

From Castle Muscogee Indian Community. Castle monthly meeting is still 1st Thursday of each month. The past 3 months its been held at Chairperson's home Elnora Herrods.

We have two new homes going up in our Castle area. Mr. and Mrs. Banson Hicks is getting a home built near 56 highway, 3 miles west of Okemah.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Tiger had a 8 lb. baby girl, Junior is the grandson of one of our oldest citizens Melissa Tiger.

We've had several people from our area on the sick list and in the hospital, from flu virus.

Fishpond still holds Bingo on 2nd Saturday of each month, the last one will be in April.

Creek Nation Citizenship Board Reminds You To Enroll as a Creek Citizen!

OKFUSKEE COMMUNITY NEWS

By Sharon & Dora Hicks

The Okfuskee Community members had an Easter Egg hunt and dinner at Joe Hicks residence. The little kids and grown ups as well had a good time.

Afterwards the community members held their monthly meeting on April 2nd at Joe Hicks residence. The meeting came to order at three o'clock and ended at five o'clock. All members attended. There were four items that were discussed by the members and everyone approved them all. The next meeting will be held on May 7th at Joe Hick's residence. We would like for all members to attend it weather permits.

The members decided to have two Bingos in the month of April. The bingo for emergency will be held at Louise Deeringwaters' residence on April 8, 1983, and also Community Bingo on April 30, which will be held at Joe Hick's residence.

We're all happy to hear that Henry Derringwater is out of the hospital from Tulsa and is doing well as can be expected. We also have another member in the hospital at Ada, she is Elsie Smith. We all wish her a speedy recovery and hope she is able to come home soon. So we wish them both well.

We have two members in our community that have birthdays in April. They are Rita Hicks and John Hicks, on the 18th of April. Happy Birthday to both.

We all hope everyone had a happy Easter.

A.I.R.A.O. Rodeo News

The first rodeo of the '83 season for the All Indian Rodeo Association of Oklahoma (AIRAO) was held March 20 in the Osage Sports Arena at Nelagoney. Over 110 contestants entered. Stock Contractor was MLS Stock, Owasso. Announcer was AIRAO Secretary-Treasurer, Bob Davis and Judges were James Duffield and Doug Sears.

Election of officers for the coming two years was held at the arena prior to the rodeo. Elected officers were: President, Kenneth Childers; Vice-President, W.J. Scott; Secretary/Treasurer, Bob Davis; Sargent at Arms, Ricky Bemo; Bareback Director, Tommy Osborn, Saddle Bronc Director, Donny Osburn; Bull Riding Director, Matt Fowler; Team Roping Director, Pepper Morgan, Calf Roping Director, Benny Foreman; Steer Wrestling Director, Roy Ball and Barrel Racing Director, Lisa DeRoin.

Tentative schedule for this year is again in Nelagoney, April; Ft. Worth, May; Creek Nation (scheduled), June 18-19 at the Sundown Arena Henryetta, Flying O, June 20 (Sunday after Creek Nation Rodeo); Shawnee, August 20-21; Smithville (the following week-end) August 26-27; Tahlequah, labor Day Week-end. Bob David will be sending out newsletters to members for these rodeos and any others that might be scheduled at a later date.

Anyone wanting information about the AIRAO should contact Bob Davis, Rt. 3 Box 576, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma 74012 or call 918/266-2468. Applications may also be obtained at the Creek Nation Communication Center, Creek Tribal Complex, Okmulgee.

SCORES:

Bareback: (1st) Joel McNeil, Cherokee, Tahlequah, 66; (2nd) Tom Osburn, Creek, Tahlequah, 47. **Calf Roping:** (1st) Hal Thomason, Choctaw, McAlester, 10.16 (2nd) Jack Forman, Cherokee, Bixby, 10.75; (3) Jim Cooper, Cherokee, Cyril, 11.89. **Saddle Bronc:** (1st) Chuck Lewis, Blackfoot, Santa Fe, N.M., 63; (2nd) Larry Malcomb, Edmond, 54. **Steer Wrestling:** (1st) Dean Hammer, Cherokee, Pleasantville, Ks., 8.19; (2) Ron Hammer, Cherokee, Pleasantville, Ks., 9.57 (3rd) Jan Killough, Peoria, Miami, 9.37. **Senior Barrel Racing:** (1) Kaylynn Dodson, Creek, Pawhuska, 14.42; (2) Sissy Williams, Choctaw, Arkansas, 15.00 (3) Pam Hall, Hidessa, Newcastle, 15.42. **Junior Barrel Racing:** (1) Shea Bickford, Cherokee, Claremore, 15.53, (2) Justin Dobson, Creek, Pawhuska, 15.83. **Team Roping:** (1) Bob Arrington, Creek, Sapulpa - Gary Maker, Osage, Pawhuska, 10.02; (2) Davy Bacon - Ernie Bacon, Choctaw, Boswell, 10.16 (3) Leo Howry, Comanche, Blanchard - Bill Davis, Cherokee, Moore, 10.46. **Bull Riding:** (1) Donnie Osburn, Creek, Oaks, 77; (2) Stanley McIntosh, Creek, Henryetta, 76; (3) Brad Fish, Creek, Harrah, 71.



Photo by Gary Robinson

Joe Nunn, (left) manager of Land Operations inspects fence upkeep on tribal property with land analyst Smiley Burnett.

Creek Nation Land Operations Program To Prove Beneficial To Creek Landowners

The Land Operations Program of the Bureau of Indian Affairs was contracted by the Creek Nation on December 6, 1982. A totally new staff has been employed under this contract.

Current staff include: Joe Nunn, Manager; John Beaver, Land Management Analyst; Smiley Barnett, Land Management Analyst; Thomas Botone, Land Management Analyst; and Rhonda Williams, Secretary.

The objective of the Branch of Land Operations is to furnish technical assistance in performing the Bureau of Indian Affairs trust responsibility to Indians in applying conservation to their soil, plant and water resources.

The Branch of Land Operations assists Indians through technically coordinated programs to assume their responsibility in conservation use, management and community development.

The organization of the Branch of Land Operations consists of the activities of soil and moisture conservation operations, outdoor recreation, extension and forestry. The Land Operations program is concerned with management, conservation, protection and proper utilization and improvement of Indian Owned Restricted lands and tribal trust lands.

Soil and moisture conservation personnel located at Okmulgee serve the Creek people. There are approximately 90,000 acres of tribal trust and individually owned restricted land in the Okmulgee, Creek, Tulsa, Muskogee, Wagoner, McIntosh, Okfuskee, and Hughes counties.

Services are available from a technical staff which includes Land Analyst and Land Manager to provide Indian owners and operations as well as non-Indian operations, a land use plan on each farm or ranch unit. This plan of operation incorporates all the necessary conservation practices to insure that each tract of land is treated according to its capabilities to

conserve soil, water, forage and wildlife resources to maintain or increase its productivity.

Educational meetings and tours are conducted to keep the owners and operators of Creek Indian land current on the latest developments in agriculture research. They have a chance to observe fertilizer demonstrations plots, the use of weed and brush control, pasture improvement, fencing, pond and terrace construction, livestock and recommended crops for the Creek Land.

It is the desire of Branch of Land Operations personnel at Okmulgee to perform the trust responsibility on the Creek owned land in a desirable manner. So, if there are any questions relative to land use, contact should be made with Branch of Land Operations at the Creek Nation. Write Land Operations, Creek Nation P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK. 74447 or phone 756-3333.

Okmulgee Area Farmer's Market To Open Soon

The Deep Fork Community Action Foundation Inc., will sponsor a Farmer's Market for area fruit and vegetable farmers this summer. Tribal citizens interested in marketing their fruit and vegetables are being encouraged to participate in this project. The market will provide space and marketing assistance to area farmers. The Farmer's Market is part of an on-going project to help area farmers increase their income potential. Individuals interested in participating in the program or wanting more information should contact: Joel Harris, Farmers' Market Coordinator, (918) 756-2826 or Creek Nation Land Operations (918) 756-3333.



Limited Edition Buckle Designed By Creek

This limited edition buckle has been approved by the Oklahoma Horsemen's Association and sponsored by the Northeast Oklahoma Horseman's Association for Oklahoma Pari-Mutuel Horse Racing. Purpose: (1) To retire statewide debt of \$140,000.00. (2) To inform voting public on bill status in State Legislature. (3) To set up scholarship fund for Oklahoma students interested in Race Track Management Industry.

This buckle was designed by Gary D. Beaver, Creek Indian Artist - Silversmith from Broken Arrow, Ok. It is limited to 2,500 24K Gold Plated and Nickel silver buckles and 25,000 antique brass buckles. The 24K Gold plated and nickel silver buckles are \$50.00 each and the antique brass - \$25.00.

Following is a list of places where the buckles are now being sold:

Well's Western Wear, 6251 New Sapulpa rd. Tulsa, Ok., Animal Health Supply, 6939 E. 15th Tulsa, Ok., Smitty's Western Store, 224 S. Main, Broken Arrow, OK.; Old West Restaurant, HWY 59 & I-40, Sallisaw, Ok.; Jimmy's Western Wear, 32 Tiffany Plaza, Ardmore, OK.; Steve Lewis Pant House 109 W. Main, Ardmore, OK.; Country Corner, 51 HWY & Oneida Rd. Oneida, OK. These racetracks are also selling the buckles: Blue Ribbon Downs, Sallisaw Race Track, (Friday & Saturday), Wildcat Racetrack, (Sunday), Claremore Downs, Claremore, Ok (Sunday), Ross Meadows, Ada, OK. (Sunday), Garfield Downs, Enid, OK., (Saturday).



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9th Annual Creek Nation Rodeo Queen To Be Selected, June 17, Sundown Arena

Two candidates are vying for the title of 9th Annual Creek Nation Rodeo Queen. They are Betty Watson and Rhonda Williams. The current queen is Judy Johnson.

Qualifications for the entrants, ages 16-24, were proof of degree of Indian blood, which must be one-quarter or more Creek; and a horsemanship ability. Contestants must be unmarried and remain so throughout the reigning year and currently reside within the boundaries of the eight county Creek Nation.

Contestants are judged on a point system which includes: fund raising,

horsemanship, western dress and personality.

The Creek Nation Rodeo Queen will be representative of the attributes of the Creek tribe, making appearances at various rodeo functions throughout the year. She will be recognized as the

versed ambassador for the betterment, promotion and understanding of Indian Rodeo.

Both contestants are in the process of raising money for their points. Anyone interested in donating may contact either girl before noon Friday, June 17, with their donations.

Rodeo Queen Candidates. . .



BETTY WATSON



RHONDA WILLIAMS

Betty is the 18 year old daughter of Lechita Watson, Sapulpa and Sam Watson, Hanna. She recently graduated from Sapulpa High School and is attending Tulsa Junior College with interests in a career in drafting.

She is a six year member of the Sapulpa Indian Club and was last year's Princess, as well as President. She was also a member of the student council, the varsity cross-country track team and has been with a dance troop, "Buckskins and Feathers", for several years.

Her interest in Indian rodeo prompted her to compete for the 9th Annual Creek Nation Rodeo Queen title. Betty has been riding since childhood and especially likes barrel racing.

Rhonda Williams, 18, graduated from Graham High School where she was an officer in the 4-H Club and assisted with the junior high 4-H. She was also active in basketball and softball.

Rhonda is currently employed with the Creek Nation as secretary for the Land Operations Program.

She is a member of the Carson Round-Up Club and loves to ride. She especially enjoys the outdoors. This Fall, Rhonda plans to attend Bacone College enrolling in the nursing program.

Rhonda's parents are Ann McGirt, Holdenville and Bobby Williams, Okmulgee. Her sponsor is her uncle, Bill Williams, representing Williams' Body Shop in Henryetta.



CHRISTOPHER YAHOLA, son of Stella Yahola, accepts his diploma from Chief Cox at the Yeager Head Start graduation. (See Head Start graduation photos inside page)

Creek Festival '83, June 17-18

Principal Chief Cox has announced the 1983 Creek Festival activities are planned and scheduled for June 17-18. (See inside pages for complete schedule.)

The Festival Committee has worked for the past year raising funds for this year. They hope for the best yet this year, which will be hard to beat since the past events have always been tops.

Nichols Park and Sundown Arena will be the places to be for softball,

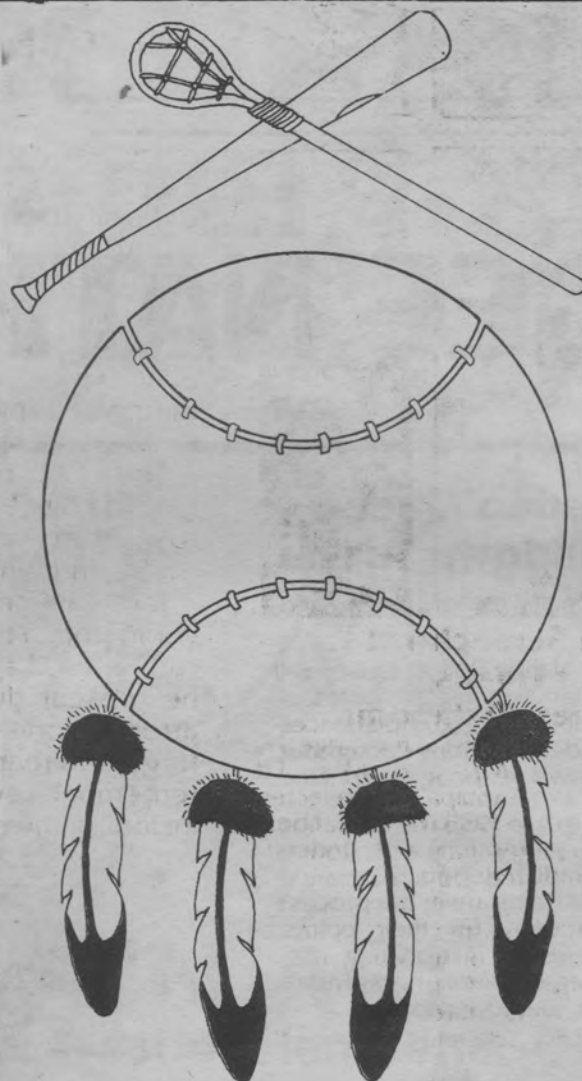
horseshoes, archery, volleyball and rodeo. A parade will take place downtown Henryetta, Saturday, 4 p.m.

The National Youth Olympics will take place Friday at Harmon Field, Okmulgee. Tennis, anyone? That will be in Okmulgee, too. For golfers, go to Western Hills State Lodge golf course. Whatever your pleasure, the 1983 Creek Festival offers the best in Indian sports competition and good fun!

NEXT ISSUE! CREEK NATION ELECTION INFORMATION

The 1983 Creek Nation election for Principal Chief, Second Chief and National Council Representatives will be conducted this October. At this time, voting procedures are in Committee to be decided by the National Council. As soon as the decision is made, it will be published along with filing periods, fees, etc.

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3**GOLF TOURNAMENT**

June 18 and 19

Western Hills, Sequoyah State Park Golf Course
Saturday

18-Hole Qualifying Round

Barbeque Buffet

Putting Tourney

Sunday

4-Player Team Scramble

(Teams determined from Saturday qualifying round)

WOMEN GOLFERS

2 - Flights Medal Play Sunday

Qualification Saturday

Closest to the Hole and Longest Drive

REGISTRATION AND TEE TIMES

8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. Saturday

(Entries not accepted after 12:00 P.M. Saturday)

Entry Fee: \$30.00

For more information call or write to: Rick Kelly (918) 756-8700 ext 253. Creek Nation Festival Golf Tournament, P.O. Box 580 Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Place: 1300 N. Okmulgee, Okmulgee, OK.

Entry Fee Deadline: June 13, 1983

Entry Fee: Singles - \$5.00

Mixed - Doubles - \$5.00

Mail entries to: Creek Festival Committee "Tennis"
c/o Creek Nation, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, Ok. 74447

Inquiries: (918) 756-8700; Lucien Berryhill

Make checks payable to: Creek Nation Festival Tennis Tournament

HORSESHOE PITCHING TOURNAMENT

June 18 - Nichols Park

Henryetta, Oklahoma

Registration time: 10:00 A.M. - 12:30 p.m.

Start: 1:00 P.M.

Trophy and cash awards

Men & Women's Singles & Mixed Doubles

"Open to All"

**FREE" BAR-B-QUE**

June 18 - Nichols Park - 4:00 p.m.

Everyone Welcome

MEN'S ALL-INDIAN FASTPITCH SOFTBALL

June 17, 18, 19

Nichols Park, Henryetta, Oklahoma

24 - Team Limit - \$70 entry fee

1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Place Team Trophies

Individual Awards given (3 - places)

Certified Check or money orders only made out to:
Creek Nation Festival**WOMEN'S OPEN SLOWPITCH SOFTBALL**

June 18 & 19

Nichols Park, Henryetta, Oklahoma

24 - Team Limit - \$70 entry fee

1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Place Team Trophies

Individual awards given (3-places)

Contact: Steve Wilson c/o Creek Nation (918) 756-8700, P.O. Box 580 Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447

MIXED VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

June 18, 1983

Entry Fee: \$40 per team

Deadline: June 10, 1983

Place: Nichols Park

1st and 2nd place individual and team trophies

3rd place team trophy

Sportsmanship trophy awarded

12 team limit - 12 players per team

For more information contact A.J. Tiger or Etta Conner at 918-756-8700.

ARCHERY TOURNAMENT

"Open to All"

Registration time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Trophy Awards for different categories

ARTS & CRAFTS

No Charge - Bring your own table and chairs



Patricia Thomas Selected To Visit Washington, D.C.

Patricia Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pod Thomas, Okmulgee, recently was selected by the Close-Up Program to visit Washington, D.C. The program is designed to give high school students the opportunity to visit the nation's capitol and see first hand the workings of the various departments.

For an entire week, there is a fast-paced continuous series of meetings, seminars and walking workshops. While Patricia was in Washington, she celebrated her birthday and performed the Lord's Prayer in Indian sign language at the closing banquet.

Although, Patricia did not see the President, she did see his official limousine drive by while standing in front of the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum.

Patricia graduated from Okmulgee High this spring and will be attending Oklahoma State University this fall.



Robbin Record Receives Achievement Certificate

Robbin Record, 15 year old student at Coweta High School recently received a Certificate of Achievement from the school for superior accomplishments in off season football and weight lifting. Robbie lettered in the 82-83 football season. He is the son of William and Cora Elizabeth Record of Coweta and the nephew of Cora Deersaw of Okmulgee.



Kendra Screechowl Selected Finalist Miss Teen Oklahoma

Kendra Screechowl, Creek, age 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Screechowl of Sapulpa, was selected as a finalist in the 1983 Miss Oklahoma United Teenager Pageant. Contestants are selected from outstanding teenagers in their community. Kendra placed first in business communications at the Northeastern State College Business Contest and is a 1982-83 Rogers State College High School, Honor Scholar.



Leslie Powell Chosen Co-Valedictorian

Leslie Powell, enrolled Creek daughter of Harold and Elenora Powell of Stigler, Okla. and granddaughter of James D. Brown Sr. of Sapulpa, Okla. is a 16 year old Sophomore at Kinta High School Kinta, Okla. Leslie has maintained a 4.0 grade point average the (3) three semesters she has been in high school; she was Co-Valedictorian of her Jr. high class.

Leslie is currently the reporter for the Kinta FHA - Hero Chapter and an officer in the Sule - District chapter of the FHA.

Leslie also plays basketball and was a starter, the only sophomore. She was sophomore home coming queen attendant. The Kinta girls basketball team was Conference Champs, District Champs, Regional Runner up which made them eligible to go to the area tournament. The Kinta girls won the Kinta Invitational and placed third in the Porum Invitational Tournament.

Leslie wants to be a girls coach so her future plans include college at one of the state colleges.

"KNOW YOUR RIGHTS"

BY GEOFFREY STANDING BEAR, CREEK TRIBAL ATTORNEY

People should realize that the United States has an adversary legal system. Under this system the duty of the prosecutors is to prosecute to the best of their ability and the defense attorneys must defend their client to the best of their ability. So people should be aware that statements made by them to the police or district attorney will be used against them. The legal system is complicated, in this issue only the arrest and initial court appearance is discussed. In the next issue we will go into more detail on what happens in court during a criminal case.

WHAT TO DO WHEN ARRESTED?

First of all you have a right to be silent. But you should always give the officer your correct name and address. If they attempt to question you then say, "I wish to have an attorney present while I'm being questioned."

If you are being arrested, the officer is supposed to read you your rights. You have a right to remain silent, anything you say can be used against you. You have the right to an attorney to be present during interrogation, and if you can't afford an attorney one will be appointed for you. Even if the officer forgets to read you these rights, don't forget them. Be sure to remember everything that happens during the arrest, including the officers badge numbers, witnesses, and the time and place of arrest.

If you are driving a car and are pulled over, be sure to park off the road or in a parking lot, or somewhere so that they have no excuse to tow-in your car. If the officer requests to search your car do not give him permission.

Once you are in jail, still remain silent until you can talk with your own attorney. In the meantime, there are several ways to get out of jail. You can post a cash bond and will eventually get all of that back, or you can be released on your "own recognizance" (you have to show that you live and work in that community among other things), or you can retain a bondsman. A bondsman will charge you a fee (usually 15% of bond) which you will not get back, then he posts the rest for you - with the court.

Your first appearance in court will be an "arrest arraignment." At that hearing do two things: (1) Plead not guilty (even if you think you are - remember we have an adversary system; and (2) ask for an attorney.

Next issue we will discuss the court procedures that a person will go through, including "plea bargaining."

BRISTOW INDIAN COMMUNITY

The Bristow Indian Community met on April 21st in the Fellowship Hall of Mutteloke Church, who has graciously offered to let us use their building until we are able to get our own community building or find a temporary meeting place.

A covered dish dinner was served and enjoyed by 39 adults and 14 children. The food donations were very much appreciated and a big thank you for the help in serving and clean-up.

Earl Wheeler, Chairperson, conducted the business portion of the meeting. Several items of interest were discussed. One of our priorities at this point is getting our Constitution and By-Laws approved by the Creek Nation. Our draft was submitted to Curtis Fish, Community Planner, for his review and he brought it with him to our meeting to discuss a few changes that needed to be made. These changes were read, voted on by members and motion carried. This is the final step to having our Constitution and By-Laws approved.

Another priority is raising funds to get some activity started for our youth. The first activity coming up is the Creek Nation Community Olympics which

will be held May 21st. Several youth have expressed an interest in participating. Tony Ybarra and Carl West volunteered to coach those entering and will work with them before May 21st.

From the Depew area we have one high school senior graduating. Raymond Barnett, Creek, son of Lodie and Jacob Barnett will don his cap and gown on May 9th. Raymond also plans to attend the banquet scheduled for '83 Seniors at the Tribal Complex.

We also have a Creek graduating from East Central University in Ada. Yarma Faye Mason is the daughter of Vera Mason of Bristow. Faye is totally deaf but will earn her BA in Human Resources on May 14th. Her future plans are to work with deaf people.

Valene Bigpond will graduate from Bristow High School in May. She plans to attend O.U. in Norman. Good luck to Valene.

There may be others in this area that we do not know about, but any omission is not intended.

The members of the Bristow Indian Community congratulates these three students for their accomplishments and wish them every success with their future plans.

COMMUNITY NEWS

WETUMKA

By Dwayne Lowe

The Wetumka Indian Community Center has new officers for the 1983 term. The officers are David McKinney, Chairman; Darrell Coachman, Vice-Chairman; Wilma Coachman, Secretary-Treasurer; Lela Fields, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; and Dwayne Lowe, Reporter. The finance committee consists of Jessie Robison, J.B. Fish, Alex Fish, and Ann Remis. Members of the Social Committee are Dee McKinney, Carolyn Fish, Susie Coachman, JoAnn Foley, and Eloise Prator. Also elected was grounds committee Chairman, Daniel Coachman.

The Wetumka Indian Center holds its monthly meetings on the 1st Monday of each month. Each meeting begins at 7:00 p.m., after all business is discussed, the meetings end with a prayer.

The center has several ongoing activities. The Senior Citizens Arts and Crafts group meet on Tuesdays and Friday afternoons from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. These meetings begin with a covered dish luncheon at noon. Adult ceramics are held each Monday and Thursday night from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The Senior Citizens also have a bake sale every other Friday, the next sale will be on May 27th.

Bingo is held every Tuesday and Saturday evening beginning at 7:00 p.m.

On April 26th, a group of our Senior Citizens took a trip to visit the Azalea Gardens and Five Civilized Tribes Museum in Muskogee. Special thanks to the Creek Nation for providing the bus and driver. The Center hosted its Annual Mothers Day Banquet on May 6th, Rev. Charlie Fish, pastor of Sand Creek was the evenings speaker. Our special guests were, Chief Claude Cox, Jimmy Jones, Morris Indian Community Chairman, Rev. Johnson Roberts and Rev. Willie Watts. Thanks to the Social Committee for a job well done.

The Tobacco Shop has new prices on cigarettes. All cartons are \$7.00, individual packs are 80¢. The shop is open on Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.

Our coach, Darrell Coachman has signed up and has been working to put together a group of kids to participate in the Creek Nation Olympics on May 21st. Our Olympics Committee has also been working to raise funds to send the kids to the Olympics.

The Wetumka Community Center has recently purchased an 8x10" utility building for storage needs.

Our next meeting will be on June 16th and we ask everyone to come out and support your community center.

KOWETA

By Nora Doyle

The Koweta Indian Community held a dedication for the new Community Center, April 16, 1983. Invocation was given by Second Chief Rev. George Miller, speakers were Chairman of Koweta Community Mickey Premeax,

Principal Chief of Muskogee Nation, Claude A. Cox, Coweta City Mayor, Harry Tracy, Police Chief, Dale Keeler, Wagoner County Commissioner of District 3, Pat Boyd, National Council Representative, Kenneth Childers. Special guests were National Council Representative of Creek District, Clarence Cloud, Tulsa District Rep. Andy Bible. Everyone enjoyed the Fellowship on this historical day.

The Koweta Indian Community sponsored a dinner which consisted of grape dumplin Eckko, beans, Indian tacos, blue dumplings, hominy and meat, sour corn bread, fry bread, tea, coffee, cobblers and pies, osafke for the Title IV Children and parents on May 14.

We also had our regular meeting May 16, those present were: Mickey Premeax, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Squire, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hays, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Berryhill, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Childers, Mrs. Pete Sanders, Mrs. Loretta Randall, Mrs. Georgia Brown, Mrs. Shirley Littlehead and family, Mrs. Barbara Gillispie, Mrs. Rachel Miller and Mrs. Nora Doyle.

Present also was Kenneth Childers Jr. home from Haskell Jr. College.

Those on the sick list are Mrs. Buelah Davis, Andy Freeman and Eloweda Tiger.

DEWAR

By Eliza Hicks

There hasn't been too much activity here for the past couple of months, but now that the weather is better and our "spring fever" is wanning, we're ready to get down to business. Since gardening and housecleaning times are upon us, we have no particular work day at the center. Each one puts in time as is convenient and this has worked quite well. We're still quilting and in time we hope to make quilts, also.

On May 20th we will have another food sale and bingo with serving time starting at 6:00 and bingo at 7:30. We want to invite everyone to join in our fun. We'll have our usual raffle with a sleeping bag as the main item.

We will have a concession stand at the Creek Nation Festival and Lewis Bible is already telling how well his fried bread will sell. George Hicks is cooking pinto beans. Wonder how many of the ladies are named Lewis and George!

It was good to see Leah Davis at our meeting last week. She said her foot is better and we hope she recovers completely.

If residents of the Dewar Community area have news items or any news at all they would like published in this paper, contact me at 652-7795 and we'll do our best to do this for you.

Our regular meeting date is still the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and we'd sure welcome new members.

Stay well, everybody. Hope to visit you again next month.

FATHER'S DAY DINNER

Weogufkee Stomp Ground will hold a Father's Day Dinner, June 12 at 1 p.m. Prizes will be given for different categories, such as: oldest father attending, etc. Play ball after dinner.

WELEETKA

By Ethel Torres

The monthly meeting at Weleetka Indian Community Center on the 21st was called to order by Chairman Nettie Scott after a dinner of stew, sandwiches and dessert.

Okfuskee County representative Carney Roberts brought an update on existing programs and concerns, urging members to attend the April 30th Council meeting at the Complex to hear discussions concerning what type of election to have. Where there is now one representative there will possibly be two with an "A" seat and a "B" seat. Filing fees for candidates will be changed in some cases a less charge than the usual amount.

Creek Nation purchased 47 1/2 acres across the highway northwest of the Complex for major events as the festival, rodeo, olympics and anything of interest planned.

Bureau of Indian Affairs has agreed to let Creek Nation contract Johnson O'Malley.

Veterans, and possible B.I.A. have a program to pay 1/2 the salary of anyone wishing to become a trainee for some, trade - if they will apply and pass.

Paul Tiger spoke on the success of the Commodity program in its six months of existence. Discussed were the personal relationship with the people being served.

In the general meeting motion was made and carried to let Thlewarthle Indian Church have a food sale at the center, Saturday, May 7th starting at 11:00 am.

Three computers are coming to the school, one in each of the grade school buildings for use by the students. At the present time the teachers are being taught how to use them.

On the agenda at present is the Johnson O'Malley title 4 program to have a learning disabilities lab. program and to test students for their weakest subjects with possible tutors available to help them where needed. Requests are being also made for more computers.

Next meeting a decision will be made on the loan-out of the center, and conditions on which it will be done.

Friday night April 29th the Weleetka Indian Center presented the graduating Senior and Freshman an enjoyable banquet at the center with purple and gold decorations. After a very good meal prepared by the ladies of the center and with four Juniors very good service on keeping coffee cups filled, tea glasses, hot rolls, and desserts served, Butch Hobia, Brenda Winn, Tina Atterberry and Rhonda Miller deserve a verbal bouquet with many thanks.

Nettie Scott, center chairman MC'd the evenings program. The pre-dinner prayer was given by Mrs. Lillie Cox.

After the introduction of the five Seniors present, Gail Frazier, Richard Hobia, Manual Marshall, Wendell Whitlow, and his wife Dee as guest and Gary Winn gift certificates were awarded, then parents were introduced. Also Melinda Winn as the only Freshman graduate present.

Guest speaker Sonny Roberts challenged the students to someday they themselves be a guest speaker to a graduating class.

Anna Bland and Carol Weston from the Muskogee BIA Office of education spoke briefly. Dr. Bowen of the Okemah Hospital, Gary Breshears, Creek Nation Executive Director, Chief Claude Cox and Steve Wilson all spoke challenging messages. Mrs. Virginia Watson Thomas a former Weleetkan who retired from education in El Paso, Texas (now living in Okmulgee) spoke briefly on the value of an education. Etta Wiley Conners a graduate of Weleetka spoke on the encouragement of the banquet, because graduating classes of yester year didn't receive them. After the program most adjourned to downstairs and danced to their own records until midnight.

Melford Hobia designed the nifty programs with Creek Nation seal and Weleetka Outlaws seal on them. The only mar was when Gladys Atterberry during clean up time was rushed to intensive care at Okemah Hospital. We all wish her God speed!

ARBEKA

By Eliza Hicks

Things are still humming in our area. Easter Sunday was a nice day to be out and we had our annual egg hunt and dinner. The first ball game opening the "circle" was played and everyone enjoyed the day. On April 25 the first sup was eaten and there was plenty for all. Stick ball was played until late afternoon after which we ate and departed for home.

Lewis Taylor, Jr., is coaching a number of youngsters for events in the Creek Nation Olympics. On May 1st the parents held a bingo here to raise funds to feed the kids at this event. We also had a bake sale for them the following Saturday and on the 14th we held a sidewalk bake sale in Henryetta

for this same purpose. All help was appreciated and we wish the participants much luck in the contests. We hope they all make the Nationals.

Lewis Taylor, Jr., sponsored an archery contest and bingo for groceries on May 8th. He wishes to thank all those who helped him. The proceeds will be used to help with his camping expenses at Arbeka for the summer.

This week the campers will be surrying about getting ready for the first dance on May 14th. Camps have to be swept of cobwebs, tables set up, cookware scrubbed, etc. A little work but it's nice to be able to commune with others again. We'll see faces we haven't seen all winter and also some new tiny faces. Our Creek Indians don't stay idle. Long may they keep the tribe alive.

On June 4, Yahola Artussee is sponsoring his 2nd Annual Archery Contest. Registration is from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with shooting beginning at 1:00 p.m. There will be no exceptions to registration times. Entry fee is \$5.00 and prizes are \$100, \$75, \$50 and \$35 for first 4 high scores. Contest is for bare bow only, no scopes or other aides allowed. Entry is open to public and will be held here at Arbeka, 3 miles east of Holiday Inn at Henryetta, 3 1/2 miles south, and 3/4 mile east.

Next month we hope to have more news to report. Until then, keep the sofke pot boiling and the old "sofkies" fed.

CASTLE

By Christine Henneha

Robin Herrod performed in the "Jazz Band" at Ada, Ok. in March. Robin will be going to Florida with the Band of East Central University, where he is majoring in Music. He is the grandson of Castle Chairman Elnora Herrod and son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Herrod.

Eugene Holahta, 63, died May 4, 1983. Funeral services were held at Greenleaf Baptist Church with Rev. John Factor officiating. He was a member of Greenleaf Church a disabled veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife Cindy, four sons, Harry and James Harjo of Maud; Louis Holahta, Okemah and Joe Holahta of Shawnee, Timmy Holahta, Mountain Park. Six daughters: Helen Tatum, Maud, Estella Berryhill, Arlinda Smith, Anna, Eugenia Holahta of Okemah, Regina Holahta, Tahlequah. Two brothers: Raymond, Oklahoma City, Samuel of Okemah. Five sisters: Mary Henneha, Okemah, Judy Yahola, Okla. City, Betty Phillips, Helen Hicks, Okemah, Juanita McGirt, Okla. City. Interment was in Holahta family cemetery.

In our school news the graduating seniors for 1983 of the Castle area are: Jeff Phillips, son of Martin and Betty Phillips, Tommy Sands, son of Lemley and Lena Sands, Darlean Sue Osborn, daughter of J.D. and Lenora Jean Osborn.

Brad Boatman, 8th grader is Co-Salutatorian. He received numerous awards in 4-H, Honor Society, perfect attendance, spelling champ. He lettered in Band and football, also in the top ten. He is the son of Bobby and Patsy Boatman.

Rebecca Beaver, 8th grader on class roll for promotion exercises. She is the daughter of Earnestine Henneha.

Darlean Sue Osborn, took two time State Track Championship, and named most valuable female athlete. In basketball also full scholarship, she plans to attend E.C.U.

Lillian Harjo "Junior" also lettered in softball, track and basketball. She was awarded 4th in track relay. She is the niece of Bertha and Jonah Sands.

Matthew Henneha 2nd grader, won second place in track for 75 yards and 3rd place in the 100 yd. track held at Oaks school where he attends. Matthew is also enrolled in Little League baseball from Oaks. He is the son of Valeria and Wiley LittleCreek.

Jennifer Beaver, kindergartener received diploma. She is the daughter of Bridgett and Amos Roberts. Also other kindergarteners were: Adrienne Berryhill, Judith Hicks, Sonya Holahta, and Justina Phillips.

Sam Chubby Beaver Jr., 9th grader received the letter "O" award in basketball and track. He is the son of Wanda Beaver of Castle and Sam Beaver of Tulsa.

Brian Sands, 11th grader received letter "O" award in basketball and baseball. Bruce Sands, 11th grader received the letter "O" award in basketball, baseball, and perfect attendance for 2 years. Both are the sons of Jonah and Bertha Sands.

Rhonda Johnson, 11th grader, received a merit "O" award and medal. Home Ec. II, Top 10% in nation, perfect attendance 1 year. She is the daughter of Grady and Earnestine Johnson.

Castles' new community building is been held at the old Osborn Center on 48 Hwy west of Okemah. Get your community there.

DEATHS



HELENA ALLEN

Funeral services for Mrs. Helena Isabel Allen, 36, were conducted May 3 at the Honey Creek Church, Rev. Jesse Sullivan, Rev. Sam Haney and Rev. Kring Allen officiated the service.

Interment was in the Okmulgee Cemetery. Pallbearers were: Randy D. Thomas, Wesley Dunn Jr., Bobby Hardridge, Walter Sunny, William Chalakee, Steve Woodfield, James Phillip Allen, and Byron Scott Allen.

Mrs. Allen died April 29 in Topeka, Ks. She was born July 30, 1946 in Okmulgee. She graduated from Nuyaka High School in 1964 and from Oklahoma State Tech in 1965 as a keypunch operator. She served as a nurses assistant with Buell-Myers-Powell Clinic and was a Past Worthy Matron of Columbian Chapter 152 OES in Holton, KS. She was a board member of the Johnson O'Malley School of Topeka. She attended Haskell Indian Junior College in Lawrence, Ks. and was a member of the Honey Creek Indian Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Charles Allen of the home, three daughters, Rebecca, Christina and Angela Allen all of the home, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Chalakee, Okmulgee, two sisters, Pearl Thomas, Okmulgee, and Sue Seawright, Donalds, South Carolina.

HATTIE B. MCINTOSH

Funeral service for Mrs. Hattie Beatrice McIntosh, 101, were held at the Church of Christ in Wetumka on May 21, with Tom Gilliam and Rev. W.E. Watts officiating.

Interment was in the Wisner Cemetery.

Mrs. McIntosh was born May 16, 1881, in Alabama to Peter and Mary Davis. She was the youngest of twelve children. She moved with her parents from Alabama to Pilot Point, Tx. where she attended school.

She married Sidney Armstrong and they later moved to Okmulgee County, Indian Territory. He preceded her in death. Later, she married David McIntosh and he preceded her in death.

She was a member of the Methodist Church and later became a member of the Church of Christ, and remained a devoted member until her death.

She is survived by a host of nieces and nephews, and a host of other relatives and many friends.

EMMET BIBLE

Emmet Bible passed away in Hollywood, Florida on April 14, 1983, while visiting at his daughters home.

Funeral services were held at Marlin Funeral Home Chapel in Broken Arrow, Okla. on April 18, 1983. Interment was in the Park Grove Cemetery, Broken Arrow, Ok.

Mr. Bible was born May 6, 1900 near Broken Arrow, Indian Territory.

He is survived by his daughter, Bobbe Kennedy, Hollywood, Fla., two sons Pete and Dan Bible, Glenpool. Three brothers, Dave Bible, Glenpool, Webster and Reuben Chalakee, Okmulgee, 15 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

IRENE SIMMER HILL

Irene Simmer Hill, born September 4, 1917. Deceased April 14, 1983 at Oklahoma Osteopathic Hospital in Tulsa.

She was a member of Little Quarsarty Baptist Church near Cromwell.

Survivors include her husband, Toney Hill, 5 sons: Stony of Okemah, Dewey, Lamar, and Louie of Florida, Billy of Tulsa, J.D. of Ada and Toby of the home. Five daughters: Emma Jones of Slick, Christine Lindsay, Sasakawa, Wanda of Wewoka, Mallie and Juanita of the home. Two aunts, Martha Simmer and Winey Wilson both of Cromwell. Three sisters, Helen Coon of Tulsa, Florina Hummingbird of Okemah, Edith Harjo of Wewoka. One brother Frank Simmer of Tulsa, twenty three grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren.

Interment was under the direction of Schumaker Funeral Home in Bristow.

Rev. Dan Phillips Jr., Director of Missions for Muskogee, Seminole and Wichita Association did officiate the services. Rev. Felix Tiger, pastor of Little Quarsarty assisted.

DORA YEAGER

Dora Wilkerson Yeager was born July 5, 1907, to John and Annie Wilkerson, Durant, Oklahoma. She died on April 19, 1983, after 25 years of illness. Funeral services were held April 22nd at the Hitchite Methodist Church, Seminole, with the Rev. Sam Haney officiating services.

Rev. James Yeager and Dora were married in 1944 and shortly after their marriage she united with the Seminole Hitchite Church. Rev. Yeager pastored many churches during his ministry, however, Dora never transferred her name out of Hitchite. The old camp house that she and her family had is still standing.

There were two things that Dora lived for and that was to see the Churches grow wherever she and Rev. Yeager were sent and concern for her family's welfare. In all, Rev. Yeager pastored 14 different churches, some for the 2nd and 3rd time, and during this time they made many friends.

Dora's last concern was for her husband and her son, James Yeager Jr. (known by all as "Chocky") and told them "don't quit going to church. I will be all right but I'm worried about you."

Her survivors include her husband, Rev. James Yeager, a son Junior, and 4 stepchildren. Mabel McNac, Blanche Beaver, Beth Coker, and Newman Yeager, also one sister, Cora Cavender.

Dora will be missed by many, but will long be remembered for her faithfulness to her church and faith in God.

CARRIE MORRISON

Funeral services were held April 20th at Little Coweta Church for Carrie Morrison. Ms. Morrison was born July 2, 1887 in Lindale, Tx. She was survived by two sons, Buford Morrison of Ottawa, Ks. John L. Morrison of Lenna. Six daughters, Hettie Robertson, Eufaula, Hattie Jones, Lenna, Lizbeth Spear, Dustin, Dortha Reed, Lenna, Leora Copeland, Santa Maria, CA. and Mary F. Edwards, Arvin, CA. Twenty-two grandchildren, 45 great grandchildren and 26 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Major Morrison, Jan. 1971.

Service were conducted by Rev. Ernest Best and Rev. Gary Hawkins. Memorial services by Rev. Daniel Phillips. Pall bearers were grandsons: Chester Best, Eufaula; Russell Reed, Tulsa; Tommy Jones, Tulsa; Adam Jones Jr, Stidham; Gordon Lamber, Broken Arrow; Danny Williams, Stidham. Burial was in the Morrison Cemetery at Lenna, Ok.

BARNEY HAWKINS

Funeral services were conducted May 12 for Barney Hawkins, age 75, at the Church of Christ in Henryetta. John Whitlow and Ellis Audridge officiated the services.

Interment was in the Salt Creek Cemetery at Wilson.

Mr. Hawkins died May 9 at his home. He was born July 2, 1907 in Schuler.

Survivors include his wife, Verna Hawkins of the home, one son Barney Hawkins Jr., Wagoner, four daughters, Mercedes Odom, Pinneole, CA., Marsha Sue Chisholm, Henryetta, Andrea Jackson, Springdale, Ark., and Paula Crew, Claremore, 12 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Card of Thanks

Perhaps you sent a card,
or sat quietly in a chair;
Perhaps you sent a floral piece,
If so, we saw it there,
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
As any friend could say.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much whatever the part.

May God Bless you and keep you in His care. The family of Helena (Chalakee) Allen. Pearl Thomas, Bob, Rebecca, Christina, Angela Allen, Peggy and Rueben Chalakee, Susie Seawright.

Card of Thanks

The family of Irene Simmer Hill, would like to thank everyone who sent flowers, food and money. It was greatly appreciated.

Sumka Family Reunion

Families of the late Rev. Willie and Salina Sumka will be having a family reunion on June 4, 1983 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the South entrance of Nichols Park in Henryetta, Oklahoma. All relatives are invited. For further information please write: Family Reunion 313 W. Chestnut, Stilwell, Oklahoma 74960 or call 918-696-6996, 652-2439 or 652-7154. Bring a covered dish.

Creek Nation Community Olympics

The Glenpool Indian Community emerged as first place winners in the Creek Nation Community Olympics held May 21 at Harmon Stadium. Eufaula came in second and Okmulgee third.

The 1st and 2nd place individual winners in each event will represent Creek Nation in the National Olympics to be held June 17 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Harmon Stadium in Okmulgee.

Janet Lee, Olympic Coordinator, asks that coaches of the 1st and 2nd place winners contact her at the Complex, extension 337, to give her the sizes of the contestants for their National Olympic uniforms. She also extends her thanks to the seventeen communities and their coaches who participated. "There were more participants this year than ever before," she said.

Following is the list of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each event. Remember, only the 1st and 2nd place individuals compete in the Nationals.

50 METER

10-11 Girls: 1st Wenona Bunny - Okmulgee, 2nd Jo Lynn Tiger - Kellyville, 3rd Dorothy Butler - Duck Creek. **10-11 Boys:** 1st Spencer McIntosh - Eufaula, 2nd Michael Manley - Wetumka, 3rd Zack Anderson - Holdenville.

100 METER

10-11 Girls: 1st Wenona Bunny - Okmulgee, 2nd Dorothy Butler - Duck Creek, 3rd Gaylene Lemons - Eufaula. **10-11 Boys:** 1st Michael Manley - Wetumka, 2nd Vernon Powell - Morris, 3rd Mike Frye - Henryetta. **12-13 Girls:** 1st Partesia Harry - Glenpool, 2nd Amy Coachman - Wetumka, 3rd Delilah Ramirez - Arbeka. **12-13 Boys:** 1st Robert Long - Wetumka, 2nd Wade Jennings - Eufaula, 3rd Timmy Bible - Glenpool. **14-15 Girls:** 1st Angie Hale - Morris, 2nd Jerri McGuire - Eufaula, 3rd Karen Bear - Duck Creek. **14-15 Boys:** 1st Ron McIntosh - Glenpool, 2nd T.J. Larney - Sapulpa, 3rd Trevor Hale - Morris. **16-18 Girls:** 1st Stacy Bushyhead - Glenpool, 2nd Norma Hampton - Eufaula, 3rd Kimberly Swimmer - Tulsa. **16-18 Boys:** 1st Traye Wamego - Glenpool, 2nd Robert Long - Arbeka, 3rd Sid Gatzman - Glenpool.

200 METER

12-13 Girls: 1st Partesia Harry - Glenpool, 2nd Jennifer Prince - Wetumka, 3rd Amy Coachman - Wetumka. **12-13 Boys:** 1st Chris Jackson - Okmulgee, 2nd Michael Grayson - Glenpool, 3rd Steve Tiger - Holdenville. **14-15 Girls:** 1st Angie Hale - Morris, 2nd Karen Bear - Duck Creek, 3rd Michelle Fields - Glenpool.

200 METER

14-15 Boys: 1st T.J. Larney - Sapulpa, 2nd Stanley Brown - Glenpool, 3rd Travis McIntosh - Glenpool. **16-18 Girls:** 1st Stephanie Taylor - Arbeka, 2nd Kimberly Swimmer - Tulsa, 3rd none. **16-18 Boys:** 1st Dale King - Henryetta, 2nd Traye Wamego - Glenpool, 3rd Edward Burris - Twin Hills.

400 METER

12-13 Girls: 1st Lucretia McGirt - Holdenville, 2nd Anna Tiger - Glenpool, 3rd Stephanie Harjo - Eufaula. **12-13 Boys:** 1st Bobby Paterson - Morris, 2nd Brett Tiger - Dewar, 3rd Matthew McIntosh - Glenpool. **14-15 Girls:** 1st Michelle Fields - Glenpool, 2nd Gloria Burris - Twin Hills, 3rd Melissa Dunn - Okmulgee. **14-15 Boys:** 1st Travis McIntosh - Glenpool, 2nd Ben Belcher - Eufaula, 3rd Junior Butler - Duck Creek.

16-18 Girls: 1st Connie George - Holdenville, 2nd Beth Harjo - Holdenville, 3rd Sherri Tossee - Glenpool. **16-18 Boys:** Dale King - Henryetta, 2nd M. Yahola - Wetumka, 3rd Sid Gatzman - Glenpool.

800 METER

12-13 Girls: 1st Thomasine Byrd - Okmulgee, 2nd Janet Henry - Holdenville, 3rd Tracie Tiger - Glenpool. **12-13 Boys:** 1st Brett Tiger - Dewar, 2nd Chris Bell - Okmulgee, 3rd Chris Harjo - Okmulgee. **14-15 Girls:** 1st Gloria Burris - Twin Hills, 2nd Tonya Berryhill - Okmulgee, 3rd none. **14-15 Boys:** 1st Dondi Wildcat - Sapulpa, 2nd Franklin Walker - Twin Hills, 3rd Zack Pickering - Sapulpa. **16-18 Girls:** 1st Connie George - Holdenville, 2nd Susan Heath - Glenpool, 3rd Blanche Yahola - Wetumka.

800 METER

16-18 Boys: 1st Thomas Mackey - Holdenville, 2nd Herod Anderson - Holdenville, 3rd Jerry Brown - Sapulpa.

1 MILE RUN

16-18 Girls: 1st Susan Heath - Glenpool, 2nd Joan Scott - Holdenville, 3rd none. **16-18 Boys:** 1st Dondi Wildcat - Sapulpa, 2nd Thomas Mackey - Holdenville, 3rd Herod Anderson - Holdenville.

400 RELAY

10-11 Girls: 1st Eufaula, 2nd Wetumka, 3rd Okmulgee. **10-11 Boys:** 1st Eufaula, 2nd Morris, 3rd Holdenville. **12-13 Girls:** 1st Wetumka, 2nd Glenpool, 3rd Holdenville. **12-13 Boys:** 1st Okmulgee, 2nd Morris, 3rd Eufaula. **14-15 Girls:** 1st Morris, 2nd Okmulgee, 3rd none. **14-15 Boys:** 1st Sapulpa, 2nd Dewar, 3rd Morris. **16-18 Girls:** 1st Holdenville, 2nd Glenpool, 3rd Eufaula. **Boys 16-18:** 1st Glenpool, 2nd Henryetta, 3rd Arbeka.

400 MIXED RELAY

10-11: 1st Kellyville, 2nd Eufaula, 3rd Arbeka. **12-13:** 1st Glenpool, 2nd Okmulgee, 3rd Arbeka.

800 RELAY

14-15 Girls: 1st Glenpool, 2nd none, 3rd none. **14-15 Boys:** 1st Eufaula, 2nd none, 3rd none. **16-18 Girls:** no entries. **16-18 Boys:** 1st Sapulpa, 2nd Eufaula, 3rd Glenpool.

SOFTBALL

Girls 10-11: 1st Tracie Tiger - Dewar, 2nd Stephanie Burner - Sapulpa, 3rd Leigh A. Chisholm - Glenpool. **Boys 10-11:** 1st Donnie Blood - Henryetta, 2nd Larry Deere - Eufaula, 3rd Greg Factor - Holdenville. **Girls 12-13:** 1st Becky Fields - Wetumka, 2nd Geneva Rabbit - Okmulgee, 3rd Geri Brown - Morris. **Boys 12-13:** 1st Timmy Bible - Glenpool, 2nd Charles Deere - Eufaula, 3rd Legus Barnett - Holdenville.

SHOT PUT

Girls 14-15: 1st Donna Roberts - Morris, 2nd Penny Harjo - Holdenville, 3rd Leticia Rameriz - Arbeka. **Boys 14-15:** 1st Steve Fox - Dewar, 2nd Sampson Squire - Sapulpa, 3rd Scott Johnson - Henryetta. **Girls 16-18:** 1st Jerrie O'Shields - Kellyville, 2nd Beth Henry - Holdenville, 3rd Rhonda Juneau - Okmulgee. **Boys 16-18:** 1st Steve Yocham, Okmulgee, 2nd David King - Henryetta, 3rd Ryan Harjo - Okmulgee.

LONG JUMP

Boys 10-11: 1st Michael Frye - Henryetta, 2nd Michael Deere - Eufaula, 3rd Jimmy Larney - Holdenville. **Girls 10-11:** 1st Missy Whitetree - Okmulgee, 2nd Lugh Beaver - Sapulpa, 3rd Crystal Nichols - Eufaula. **Girls 12-13:** 1st Delilah Ramery - Arbeka, 2nd Sabra Gist - Sapulpa, 3rd Geneva Rabbitt - Okmulgee. **Boys 12-13:** 1st Robert Lena

- Wetumka, 2nd Chris Jacobs - Arbeka, 3rd Wade Jennings - Eufaula. **Girls 14-15:** 1st Pam Spain - Glenpool, 2nd Dona Williams - Eufaula, 3rd Carmin Tecumseh - Henryetta. **Boys 14-15:** 1st Ron McIntosh - Glenpool, 2nd Mike Tobert - Henryetta, 3rd Eddie Lowe - Morris. **Girls 16-18:** 1st Stephanie Taylor - Arbeka, 2nd Stacy Bushyhead - Glenpool, 3rd Norma Hampton - Eufaula. **Boys 16-18:** 1st Maurice Yahola - Wetumka, 2nd Robert Long - Arbeka, 3rd Scotty Harjo - Sapulpa.

Higher Education Program:

Retraining Key To Success

By Dan Burgess

One of the saddest things I have ever heard was a recent highschool graduate say, "I'll never set foot in another classroom again". It is sad because, apparently, the person never really enjoyed a part of his life where he had spent so much time and supposedly, effort. Sadder still, is the fact that several years ago, those coming out of school could expect to have to undergo retraining at least five times during their lifetime.

During the past recessions, the blue collar worker waited for orders to come in to their work place and were back at work within a matter of months.

According to a recent article by business analyst, John Cunniff, "Special factors are involved this time. 'One in which there will be a transition from an economy based in heavy manufacturing to one in which the new electronic technologies and services are the core.' As he further states, 'The bridge to the future cannot be bridged without retraining.' Many of the jobs in these areas will be gone forever as the white-collar workforce will continue to grow and the number of blue collar workers decline. The white-collar workforce is expected to be at 90% of the total wage-earner group by the year 2000.

So, is education changing to meet this new need? Is the blue-collar workforce aware and willing to make the changes needed to have a chance at these new job markets. The answer may lie somewhere in between at this time. Change is traditionally slow and people do not readily change from that which is familiar.

But, can people and educational institutions afford to wait for things to return as they were? We think not, not when the total knowledge of the world is doubling every ten years. Those, who wait, will be left in the past. As a friend recently told me, "They don't train plasterers any longer."

Those who for whatever reason, do not keep pace, by retraining or formal school will surely be left behind in the quest for the "good life".

Those educational institutions that are hidebound to a particular curriculum or thought may well find themselves training plasterers as the rest of the academic and business communities pass them by. Educational institutions that offer training that is both relevant to today's job market and gives immediate feedback in increased job opportunities will surge to the top in educational enrollment.

A closer interaction with those who furnish the jobs would give

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educational institutions a truer perspective of skills needed by present and future students. An infusion of job needs from the business world would impart a negligible intrusion upon the academic freedom of an institution and could well be useful in preparing for the future. Having good luck, is being prepared when opportunity knocks. Even as educational costs continue to go up, Creek citizens have the best opportunity in history to become educated for today's and tomorrow's world. Becoming one of the leaders of tomorrow entails becoming educated today. The best investment for tomorrow, may be yourself.



Outstanding Senior Award Presented to Gayle Clark

TAHLEQUAH--The 1983 Outstanding Senior Awards have been presented by the Northeastern State University Alumni Association to Gayle Clark of Wagoner and Lee Fleming of Adelphi, Maryland.

To qualify for this award the student must: be a graduating senior; have an academic standing of 2.5 cumulative GPA or better; have demonstrated her/his concern for NSU through her/his activities and involvements on campus; be an all-around student who typifies the spirit of NSU.

The awards were presented Saturday at the Alumni Association's Spring Reunion as NSU's Kaleidoscope Week got underway.

Gayle is majoring in Art Education. Her activities include: Alpha Chi Honor Society, Oklahoma Cherokee Artist Association, Awards & Scholarships from several Indian Art contests. She plans to begin graduate work this summer.

Indian Rodeo!

One hundred, forty-four contestants competed for \$8,000 prize money in the Claremore Indian Rodeo, May 20-21, held at the Claremore College Arena. The rodeo was sponsored by the Inter-tribal Rodeo Club, W.J. Scott, President. National Rodeo Company supplied the stock. Bad luck supplied the rain! Maybe next year, W.J.! Anyway, W.J. called the MNN office and said to "MVTO" the Creek Nation Rodeo Association for their support and also Bob and Jo Arrington along with all the Indians who participated and those who came to watch. Contestants listed below placed and won the amount of money beside each name:

BULL RIDING

1st, Daniel Susan split with Marvin O'Kelly, \$560; 2nd, David Susan, \$320; 3rd, Jim Roanhorse, \$160.

BAREBACK RIDING

1st, T.J. Holgate, \$363; 2nd, Jerome Blackwater, \$218; 3rd, Frank Charley, \$145.

SADDLE BRONC RIDING

1st, Rome Wagner, \$388; 2nd, J.R. Hunt split with Julian Haley, \$194.

TEAM ROPING

Carl Dennison and Arvid Francisco, \$533; 2nd, Ben Foreman and Jack Foreman, \$400; 3rd, Jack Foreman and Justin Patterson, \$266; Doug Whitehorn and Danny Dodson, \$133.

STEER WRESTLING

(1st Go) 1st, Dean Hudson, \$145; 2nd, Tom Botone, \$87; 3rd, Dean Hammer, \$58. (2nd Go) 1st, Ron Hammer, \$145; 2nd, Mel Williamson, \$87; 3rd, Roy Ball, \$58.

BARREL RACING

(1st Go) 1st, Kay Dodson, \$181, 2nd, Bridgett Barnett, \$109, 3rd, Sonya Hayes, \$72. (2nd Go) 1st, Lorrie Moffett, \$181; 2nd, Bridgett Barnett, \$109; 3rd, Joanne Patterson, \$72.

CALF ROPING

1st, Jack Foreman, \$368; 2nd, Damon Edminsten, \$276; 3rd, Pepper Morgan, 4th, Wayne Dennison, \$92.

1982 Young Woman of America

Susan M. Harjo, 28, of Norman, daughter of Benjamin and Mary Arkeketa of Sand Springs, recently was selected as an Outstanding Young Woman of America for 1982.

Mrs. Harjo is married to Leonard M. Harjo and they have a daughter, Cody. Mrs. Harjo will receive her masters in journalism from the University of Oklahoma in May and received her bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Oklahoma in 1978.

She also completed a Northeastern State University post-graduate program in tribal management in 1979-80. She was a founding member of the Tulsa Indian Youth Council, served as treasurer and on its board of directors.

She also was president and a board of directors member of the American Indian Student Association. Mrs. Harjo was conference chairman for the National Indian Education Association in 1979-80, served as second vice president in 1976-77, and was a board of directors member in 1975-76.

She was a member of the North

American Indian Women's Association, Tahlequah chapter, in 1979-80 and was National Conference of Youth coordinator in 1970-80.

She was Miss Indian Oklahoma in 1975 and represented the state at the Miss Indian America Pageant. While in high school, she served as a Hissom Memorial Center volunteer.

The purpose of the Outstanding Young Women of America award is to recognize the many young women who "give their time, talent and unselfish service to enrich the quality of American life," according to Mrs. Dexter Otis Arnold, chairman, Board of Advisors, of the program.

Nominations are made by business and civic leaders throughout the country and recipients are selected from thousands of entries by the Board of Advisors.

The names and biographical information on the young women chosen are published in an annual Outstanding Young Women of America volume.

Yeager Head Start Grads. . .



Eufaula Head Start Grads. . .



National Council Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Kenneth L. Childers

INVOCATION: Nettle Scott

ROLL CALL: Eight members were present. Those being: Helen Chupco, Andy Bible, Carney Roberts, Clarence Cloud, Sandy McIntosh, Richard Larney, Nelson Johnson, Kenneth L. Childers. *Acting Parliamentarian - Robert Trepp. A quorum was declared and all business transactions made during this session of February 26, 1983 would be considered valid and would be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

The Speaker advised the Council that a Public Hearing would be held on the 1983 Revenue Sharing Budget and a recess was in order so that this hearing could be held. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Larney and seconded by Roberts to recess for the Public Hearing. By a unanimous vote of approval, (by yeas and nays) the meeting was recessed and turned over to Bill Fife, Director of Tribal Affairs, Muscogee (Creek) Nation. * Public Hearing.

READING OF MINUTES: The minutes had been mailed prior to this meeting. The Chair entertained a motion for the approval or disapproval. Discussion: Discussion was held. Helen Chupco recommended that the tapes be rechecked as she felt that an error had been made on persons making motions. Motion: A motion was made by Larney and seconded by McIntosh to approve the minutes with necessary corrections. Roll Call Vote: Seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. Upon a motion duly made, seconded and by a unanimous vote of approval, the minutes were approved with recommended corrections and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on the procedures for which the BILLS were being presented to the Council. A recommendation was made to place all BILLS, that were enacted by the National Council, and after the approval of the Principal Chief, be placed on the Agenda under old business giving the title and the number of BILL being authorized to become an Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Larney and seconded by Roberts to place all Bills that became an Ordinance after the signature of the Principal Chief and the placement of the Great Seal of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. A roll call vote was taken with the results being: seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion Carried, and all Bills will be placed on each agenda as regular business each meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. A BILL to be introduced in the Muscogee (Creek) National Council Amending the Tribal Ordinance on the Compensation of Representatives to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council. The BILL was read and considered as follows:

I think what I am worried about is right here, it comes out of the 1982 Budget. I think maybe we ought to know where we stand in relation to budget, and I don't mean the print out sheet. I can't read that print out sheet, and I don't know of anyone else who can. I can't because I don't know the codes. I would like to see the budget as it is right now. I would like to see where we stand, where the money is. Maybe at the next planning session we can discuss the money situation if we are going to get some money from some other line items, and transfer it to this budget here. It is my understanding that we can amend any budget. This ordinance here is effective December 1, 1982, and another month won't hurt us. So what I am requesting is as "breakdown of the budget so that we can determine where we stand at".

Kenneth L. Childers: Mr. Cloud made a fine statement, "that we can amend any ordinance". Seems like all we do is pass something and we have to turn around and amend it. I can read and understand the Constitution, and I can read and understand our Rules and Procedures, and it reads the same. It is not the intent of this BILL to have twenty meetings a month, but to be paid for meetings for which the members of the Council were called together by the Principal Chief, and in regards to the discussion held I feel a motion is in order so at this time I would like to entertain a motion to postpone this BILL. A motion was made by Larney and seconded by Cloud to postpone this BILL. Mr. Larney also requested that members of the Citizenship Board to be present at the Planning Session to discuss the number of citizens that are enrolled in each district so that they could determine the amount of funds and number of representatives necessary for each district. A motion having been made, and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the result being: seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. MOTION CARRIED: A Bill entitled "Amending the Tribal Ordinance on the Compensation of Representatives to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council" was postponed and will be discussed in the Planning Session.

B. A BILL to be introduced in the Muscogee (Creek) National Council "Amending the Tribal Emergency Fund Guidelines". The BILL was presented and read to the Council and considered as follows: Section 101. The ordinance containing the Tribal Emergency Fund Guidelines, NCA 81-44 is hereby amended as follows: (A) Section 101 through 105 are repealed. (B) The following text of the Ordinance is substituted in its place: **Section 101. Definitions.** (A) Eligibility. Eligibility is limited to those persons who are enrolled Muscogee (Creek) citizens and who reside within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Muscogee Nation. (B) Proof. Proof of enrollment shall be a tribal enrollment card. **Section 102. Eligibility Activities and Application form.** (A) Policy. The general policy with regard to eligible persons is that emergency assistance may be used for services which comply with the guidelines of this section.

I. Emergency Food for Funeral.

1. Authorized representatives for a church may apply upon behalf of the family of a deceased Muscogee (Creek) Indian.

2. Maximum amount for this assistance shall not exceed \$100.00 per family per death.

II. Tribal Burial Program.

1. The family, or authorized representative, must complete an application form requesting financial assistance.

2. The residency of the deceased Muscogee (Creek) Indian at the time of death must have been within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Muscogee Nation.

3. Maximum amount for this assistance shall not exceed \$100.00 per family per death.

III. Emergency Aid.

1. Verification is required that the applicant has been denied at other service providers such as BIA Social Services, State Department of Human Services, or similar agencies.

2. Verification may be in the form of letters from the service provider agency.

3. Applicant must be enrolled Muscogee (Creek) citizen and live within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Muscogee Nation.

4. Maximum amount for this assistance shall not exceed \$50.00.

B. Procedure. Persons applying for assistance, or their authorized representative, must complete the application in its entirety. C. In the event an applicant is not eligible as outlined, they will be notified immediately and the reason(s) for non-eligibility determination will be given in writing. D. In the event funds are not available for an application, the applicant, the Principal Chief and the Speaker shall be notified in writing.

Section 103. Expenditure of Funds. A. The funds available for this project shall be used solely for the purpose of Welfare Assistance as outlined above. **Section 104. Approval and Method of Payment.** A. Approved applications will be forwarded to fiscal management for processing of payment. B. Authorizations shall be in Purchase Requisition form. C. No payments will be paid directly to applicants. D. Payments will be paid directly to the vendor (those who appear on the application and are shown in itemized statements attached and returned to initiating department. **Section 105. Budget.** The budget of the Tribal Burial and Welfare Programs shall be appropriated by Ordinance, from time to time, and for available sources of funds. The Chair entertained discussion. Discussion was held on Section 102, (A) (II) Tribal Program (B) A request that the wording "immediately within twenty-four hours" be added to the end of the last sentence. The Chair entertained a motion: A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Chupco to amend Section 102, (A) (II) Tribal Burial Program (B) by adding the phrase "immediately within twenty-four hours" to the end of the last sentence. A motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. MOTION CARRIED: The amendment was approved as read and will be inserted into the final reading of the BILL.

The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Larney to approve the BILL "Amending the Tribal Emergency Fund Guidelines" as amended in previous motion. A motion having been duly made, and seconded a roll call vote was taken the results being: seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. MOTION CARRIED: Emergency Fund Guidelines was approved as read and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

C. A BILL to be introduced in the Muscogee (Creek) National Council entitled "Providing for the Chartering of Muscogee (Creek) Indian Community Organizations as Local, Self-Governing Entities of the Government of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The BILL was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Findings. The National Council finds that: (A) The quantity and quality of community services essential for desirable community development is presently lacking among the Indian communities of the Muscogee Nation, and planning efforts by tribal citizens at the community level have been at a minimum in recent months because of lack of organized activities and limitations on available resources. (B) Over the past five years, the Muscogee Nation has initiated, developed and partially implemented a community chartering process. This process succeeded in organizing twenty seven (27) community groups in the Muscogee Nation. Several of these groups are still very active. (C) Official charters are needed for each of these organizations, to give them a special status under tribal law, and to outline the formal relationship between the chartered communities and the tribal government.

Section 102. Declaration of Policy. It is the policy of the Muscogee Nation to encourage the maximum participation of Muscogee (Creek) Indian individuals and Muscogee (Creek) Indian Community Organizations in all phases of tribal activities, and to facilitate the effort of Muscogee (Creek) Indian communities to become chartered entities for the purpose of increasing their participation in the planning conducting and administration of programs for the benefit of Indians which should be more responsive to the needs and desires of those communities. Through this method of participatory democracy, the needs and perceptions of tribal citizens are made known more clearly and directly. **Section 103. Muscogee (Creek) Indian community organizations, with assistance from the Executive Branch, MAY APPLY for a tribal charter by submitting a written report to the Principal Chief. The report shall contain the following information.** A. The dates of and number of Muscogee citizens attending organizational community meetings. (B) A Constitution, which provides in part that:

1. Membership is open to enrolled citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.
2. Officers must be enrolled as citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.
3. Elections of officers shall not be held more than twelve months apart.
4. A regular meeting date and a procedure for calling special meetings must be established.
5. A procedure for adopting a Community Needs Assessment, and a related procedure for adopting a Community Plan, must be established.
6. A requirement that all actions by the Community Organization must have prior approval of the membership participating in an open meeting.
7. A statement that the Community Organization shall provide services in its area to persons eligible under tribal ordinance.
8. A statement that the Community Organization is organized under tribal law, and is subject to the Constitution and Ordinance of the Muscogee Nation.

C. They are in the Muscogee Nation which the Organization shall serve must be clearly described. An adopted map of this area or a written description of the area shall be acceptable. D. A current Community Needs Assessment, adopted by the Community Organization. E. A current Community Plan, adopted by the Community Organization. F. A community request for charter, adopted by the Community Organization in an open meeting. **Section 104.** The Principal Chief shall inform the Comprehensive Planning Administration Division of Tribal Affairs of the receipt of community reports which request issuance of a charter. The Comprehensive Planning Administration shall prepare an analysis for the tribal government's consideration of the request for issuance of a charter. **Section 105.** The analysis prepared under section 104 shall be presented to the Principal Chief and the requesting organization. **Section 106.** The Principal Chief is authorized to approve community requests for charter. **Section 107.** Communities which do not receive charters under Section 106 may request that the Principal Chief reconsider the chartering question. **Section 108.** Upon approval of a charter, the Principal Chief shall issue a formal charter, to each approved community organization. The charter shall contain the following information: A) Official recognition of the Community Organization as a local, self-government entity of the Government of the Muscogee Nation is granted. B) Controversies arising within or between chartered community organizations are within exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the Muscogee Nation. C) Tribally chartered communities shall be assisted in their development of accounting and management systems necessary to subcontract projects from the Muscogee Nation. D) The governing document of the Community Organization is approved, subject of amendments by the Community Organization. **Section 109.** The charter shall be considered legal basis for community organization participation in tribal affairs and tribal programs. **Section 110.** The Muscogee Nation hereby declares its intent, that by future ordinances some economic development projects sponsored by the tribal government shall be limited to tribally chartered community organizations. **Section 111.** The Principal Chief may place a chartered community organization on Probation by issuing a written probation letter which specifies the cause of the Probation and which also specifies remedies which the community organization must accomplish within the probation period, which shall not exceed six month. **Section 112.** The Principal Chief is authorized to appear in tribal court to request that the charter of any organized community be revoked for cause. Causes for

revocation of community charters are hereby limited to: A) Violation of Probation, B) Severe violations of laws of the Muscogee Nation which pertain to chartered community organizations, C) Mismanagement of funds for the purpose of personal gain.

The Chair entertained Discussion: Upon completion of the discussion, the Chair entertained a motion. There was no response. The Chair advised "that a motion had been entertained to approve or disapprove the BILL entitled "Providing for the Chartering of Muscogee (Creek) Indian Community Organizations as Local, Self-Governing Entities of the Government of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation", but died from lack of action by the Council.

The Chair entertained a Motion to recess for lunch. A motion was made by Larney and seconded by Roberts to recess for lunch, and upon a unanimous vote of approval (verbal) the meeting was recessed. The meeting reconvened, continuing with new business as follows:

D. A BILL to be Introduced in the Muscogee (Creek) National Council expressing the Nation's appreciation to the Institution of American Indian Arts for their loan of Art to the Muscogee Nation, and to authorize similar future projects. The BILL was read and considered as follows: Section 101. The Muscogee Nation greatly appreciated the loan of over one hundred works of American Indian Arts which were loaned to the Muscogee Nation by the Institution of American Indian Art. The Muscogee Nation would especially like to thank the Museum of the Institute, and the Museum's director, Mr. Chuck Dailey. **Section 102.** The Principal Chief is authorized to enter into future Loan Agreements with the Museum of the Institute of American Indian Art, for the purpose of obtaining works of American Indian Art for temporary display in the buildings of the Muscogee Nation. **Section 103.** The tribal Facilities Budget shall be utilized for reasonable expenditures in transporting and insuring art collections loaned under section 102. The BILL having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Chupco and seconded by Larney to approve the BILL. Roll call vote was taken with the results being: seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. MOTION CARRIED. The BILL was approved as read and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as being approved.

E. A BILL to be Introduced in the Muscogee (Creek) National Council "Approving the Revenue Sharing Budget for FY-83. The BILL was read and considered as follows: Section 101. The Revenue Sharing Budget of the Muscogee (Creek) nation for FY-83 is hereby authorized and appropriated as follows:

I. LEGISLATIVE BRANCH:

Operating expense, equipment, travel and personal expenses \$ 8,000

II. EXECUTIVE BRANCH

A. Community Development Grants	25,000
B. Library Equipment and Supplies	10,000
C. Lawn Mowing Equipment	3,000
D. Emergency and Health Aid	10,000
E. Commodity Program	5,000
F. P.A. System	6,658
G. Capital Improvements and Acquisition	27,000
H. Welfare Services	5,000

III. NON-GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITY SUPPORT

A. Creek Nation Festival	10,000
B. Creek Nation Rodeo	3,000

Total Budget \$112,658

Section 102. Interest accrued on the FY-83 Revenue Sharing Account is designated for welfare services. **Section 103.** Authorization for expenditure of funds will expire September 30, 1983. The BILL having been read, the Chair entertained discussion. Discussion was held and the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Larney that the BILL entitled approving the Revenue Sharing for FY-83 be amended as follows:

I. LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Operating expense, equipment, travel and personal expenses \$12,000

II. EXECUTIVE BRANCH

B. Library Equipment & Supplies	6,000
G. Capital Improvements & Acquisitions	20,000
* added I. Agri-Business (purchase of trucks)	5,000

III. NON-GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITY SUPPORT

B. Creek Nation Rodeo	5,000
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Section 102. add this phrase to the end of the sentence "from Line Items II. B.F.G."

Section 104. Any changes or revisions of this budget shall be authorized by ordinance only. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. MOTION CARRIED. The amendments were approved as read and will be entered into the original reading of the present BILL as they were approved, this transaction will be recorded into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

The Chair entertained a motion to approve or disapprove the BILL entitled "Approving the Revenue Sharing For FY-83". A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Roberts to approve the BILL as read after the amendments. A motion having been made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. MOTION CARRIED. The BILL was approved and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION. NONE

OTHER BUSINESS: NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, ETC.

1. Announcing the Planning Session date as March 16, 1983, 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Mound Building.

2. The Okmulgee Community would hold a dedication ceremony for the opening of the Okmulgee Community Building on Thursday, March 17, 1983 in the Community Building across from the Complex.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion by Roberts and seconded by Johnson to adjourn the meeting and by a unanimous vote of approval, the meeting was adjourned.

BENEDICTION: Helen Chupco

March 26, 1983 Approved Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Kenneth L. Childers, Speaker, Muscogee (Creek) National Council.
INVOCATION: Jimmy Skeeter

ROLL CALL: Eight members were present, those members being: Helen Chupco, Clarence Cloud, Andy Bible, Nelson Johnson, Richard Larney, Sandy McIntosh, Kenneth L. Childers, and Carney Roberts.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUEST: Jimmy Skeeter

READING OF MINUTES: The minutes had been mailed prior to this meeting. The Chair entertained a motion: A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Cloud to approve the minutes as read. A motion having been duly made, and seconded a roll call vote was

taken with the results being: six in favor, none against and one abstention. Chupco abstain, Bible-yea, Cloud-yea, Roberts-yea, Larney-yea, Johnson-yea, McIntosh-yea. MOTION CARRIED: upon unanimous vote of approval, the minutes of February 26, 1983 were approved as read and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

ORDERS OF BUSINESS:

1. OLD BUSINESS. ("BILLS" which were introduced in the January and February meeting of the National Council. A Legislative History was read as follows: Beginning with the new Fiscal Year, 1983, a new Legislative Process has been in the development stage, causing all material to be introduced into the National Council as "A BILL", where before they were introduced as a Proposed Ordinance. The new process has been developed to correspond with Article VI, Section VI (a) of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. All material requiring legislative action has appeared on the agenda with a letter of the alphabet followed by the phrase "A BILL" and the title of the BILL. This months agenda items appeared with the alphabet and a number, the alphabet identifies the item and the number identifies the session it was introduced, these numbers will only be used in introducing "A BILL", if passed or approved by the National Council and approved by the Office of the Principal Chief they will receive National Council ACT (NCA) Number as we are all familiar with. Today BILLS if approved by both the Council and Principal Chief, will begin with NCA 83-09. We hope that this new development will improve the filing system for the present and future as it will contain Legislative History with all of the above suggested numbers for cross referencing. On January 29, 1983 during the Quarterly Meeting under new business six BILLS were presented and action taken as follows:

A1. A BILL approving an Oil and Gas Lease on Tribal Lands located in Okfuskee/Seminole District; Action: Bill was approved by the National Council by a vote of seven in favor, none against and no abstentions, and on January 29, 1983 was presented to the Principal Chief of the Muscogee Nation and approved the same day, and was issued a number of NCA 83-01.

B1. A Bill amending the Tribal Contracts Ordinance to Authorize additional Tribal Program. Action: The "BILL" was approved by the National Council by a vote of seven in favor, none against, no abstentions, on January 26, 1983 and was presented to the Principal Chief of the Muscogee Nation and was approved on February 3, 1983 and was issued a number of NCA 83-02.

C1. A "BILL" providing for the Chartering System of the Muscogee (Creek) Indian Community Organization as Local Self-Governing Entities of the Government of the Muscogee Nation. Action: The "BILL" was not approved but postponed, and was to be placed on the February Agenda, postponement was approved by a unanimous vote of approval, none against and no abstentions. THE BILL WAS NOT PROCESSED.

D1. A "BILL" approving an amendment to the Special Services Attorney Contract with the firm MacNabb and Preston. Action: The "BILL" was approved by a vote of seven in favor, none against and no abstentions on January 29, 1983 and presented to the Principal Chief on February 3, 1983 and issued a number of NCA 83-03.

E1. A "BILL" confirming the nomination of Nettle Scott to serve a five year term on the Citizenship Board. Action: The "BILL" was approved by a vote of seven in favor, none against and no abstentions on January 29, 1983, and presented to the Principal Chief where it was approved on February 3, 1983 and issued a number of NCA 83-04.

F1. A "BILL" limiting eligibility in the BIA Higher Education Scholarships Program to persons who are enrolled citizens of the Muscogee Nation. Action: The "BILL" was approved by a vote of seven in favor, none against and no abstentions on January 29, 1983 and presented to the Principal Chief on February 3, 1983 where it was approved the same day and was issued a number of NCA 83-05.

On February 25, 1983 during the Regular scheduled meeting five "BILLS" appeared on the agenda with action taken as follows:

A2. A "BILL" amending the Tribal Ordinance on the Compensation of Representatives to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council. Action: The "BILL" was not approved, but postponed for further study and will appear on the agenda of March 26, 1983. By a vote of seven in favor of postponement, none against and no abstentions. BILL was not processed.

B2. A "BILL" amending the Tribal Emergency Fund Guidelines. Action: The Bill was approved on February 26, 1983 by a vote of seven in favor, none against, no abstentions and was presented to the Principal Chief where he approved the "BILL" on March 2, 1983 and a number NCA 83-06 was issued.

C2. A "BILL" expressing the Nation's appreciation to the Institute of American Indian Arts for their loan of art to the Muscogee Nation and to authorize similar future projects. Action: The "BILL" was approved on February 26, 1983 by a vote of seven in favor of approval, none against, no abstentions and was presented to the Principal Chief and was approved on March 2, 1983, and a number of NCA 83-07 was issued.

2. NEW BUSINESS (BILLS)

A Bill-An amendment to Ordinance NCA 81-79, by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation for the purpose of allowing Inclusions, clarifications, alterations and deletion of parts of Muscogee (Creek) Nation Program Guidelines for the Housing Rehabilitation Program. The BILL was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Whereas in accordance to NCA 81-79, Section 102, an Ordinance of the Muscogee Nation is required for amendments of the "Guidelines for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Housing Rehabilitation Program". **Section 102. Findings.** Whereas Muscogee Nation presently opposes an adopted Guidelines for Housing Rehabilitation, an amendment is required for said Guidelines to allow the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to encompass present and future programs for Housing Rehabilitation, repair, and improvements that Muscogee Nation now or may be administering and will allow the administration of all present and future program to operate in a uniform manner by having clear and definite rules, regulations and requirements for any and all housing rehabilitation programs under the administration of the Muscogee Nation. **Section 103. Amendments to be Incorporated.** The following amendments shall be incorporated into the Guidelines for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Housing Rehabilitation Program, NCA 81-79:

Section 1 - Eligibility Requirements

Present Guidelines - 1.2 "The applicant must be a minimum of one-fourth (1/4) Indian blood.

Amended Addition - The only documentations acceptable for verification are: A. Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood card (CDIB). B. Tribal Citizenship enrollment card. **Present Guidelines -** After rehabilitation, the occupants cannot be considered to have a further housing assistance need...

Amended Addition - After rehabilitation, the occupants will not be eligible to receive future housing assistance for a period up to, but not limited to, seven (7) years; therefore, will not be included in tribal housing goals. Recipients under the Interim Repair program will be eligible for future aid.

Present Guidelines - The families whose house is rehabilitated to a standard condition may not be slated to receive a new HUD house under an existing or approvable program reservation.

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Amended Addition - The families whose house is brought up to standard condition may not receive a new or repossessed housing unit from Creek Nation Housing Authority or from any program operated by Creek Nation.

Amended Addition - 1.3 work will stop should an applicant or anyone else who obstructs, hinders a contractor or tribal force account crews by verbal or physical actions. Work will not be completed unless the cause for disruption is resolved in a timely manner.

Amended Addition - 1.3, should the applicant be renting, the applicant and the owner of the house must both apply and both must meet eligibility requirements.

Amended Addition - 1.3, work will only be performed on permanent structures, mobile homes will not be eligible.

Section 2 - Allowable Expenditures

Present Guidelines - 2.1, Rehabilitation may be accomplished by either contracting or utilizing force account crews.

Amended Revision - 2.1, Rehabilitation may be accomplished by either contracting or utilizing force account crews or the combination of both.

Section 3 - Non-Allowable Expenditures

Amended Addition - 3.1, Relocation of the participants.

Section 4 - Grant Amounts

Present Guidelines - 4.2, \$10,000 is the maximum grant amount.

Amended Revision - \$12,500 will be maximum amount allowable to spend on an applicant's housing unit under the Housing Rehabilitation program.

Section 5 - Responsibility of Program Staff

Amended Addition - 5.2 Prepare and maintain activity Environmental Review Record and other Environmental information as required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and NEPA, for the operation for the Community Development Block Grant program.

Section 8 - Homes in Flood Areas

Present Guidelines - Paragraph 3, "All decisions will be based on all information in the possession of Creek Nation, if Creek Nation does not have adequate information for a specific area, the decision will rest solely on the findings from the Department of the Army Corps of Engineers, whose findings will be final.

Amended Revision - All decisions will be based on information from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, National Flood Insurance Program, Flood Hazard Boundary and Flood Insurance Rate Maps, if Creek Nation does not have adequate information on a specific area, the decision will rest solely on the determination made by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service, and whose findings will be final.

Section 10 - Rating Criteria

Amended Deletion - Approved by BIA, same with the points system.

Section 103. Any Ordinances, Executive orders of the Muscogee or Federal program changes that pertain and affect present or future Housing Rehabilitation, Repair or Improvement programs of the Muscogee Nation, shall and will supersede and be effective to the Guidelines for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Housing Rehabilitation Program.

The Chair entertained discussion. Discussion was held and the Chair entertained a motion. Motion: A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Bible to adopt "BILL" as read. A roll call vote was taken with the result being: seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. MOTION CARRIED. A "BILL" making specific assurances for the Purpose of the 1983 Application for the Community Block Development Grant, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development", was approved as read and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

C3. A "BILL" establishing a Procedure to Issue Tribal Charters to Organized Muscogee (Creek) Indian Community Organizations. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Findings - The National Council finds that: A. The quantity and quality of community services essential for desirable community development is presently lacking, and planning efforts by tribal citizens at the community level have been at a minimum in recent months because of a basic lack of organized activities and limitations on available resources. B. Over the past five years, the Muscogee Nation has initiated, developed and partially implemented a community chartering process. This process succeeded in organizing twenty-seven (27) community groups in the Muscogee Nation. Several of these groups are still very active. C. Official charters are needed for each of these organizations, to give them a special status under tribal law, and to outline the formal relationship between the chartered communities and the tribal government. D. Chartered communities shall, under this ordinance, have the status of the Muscogee Nation as to all tax exemptions, sovereign immunities, and any other protections and powers as provided by tribal ordinance. E. In all aspects of tribal government, including the affairs of chartered communities, the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation is supreme law. F. The Executive Office of the Muscogee Nation shall provide technical assistance to the Communities in developing their constitution. **Section 102.** Organized communities of Muscogee (Creek) Indians may apply in writing to the Principal Chief for approval of their Constitution. **Section 103.** The Principal Chief may deny approval of community constitutions by written objections within sixty (60) days after their submission, and these objections shall be made known to the applying community. **Section 104.** The Principal Chief shall sign a certificate upon his approval of community constitution. **Section 105.** Charters shall be granted within (60) days after approval of the community constitution in Section 104. **Section 106.** The form of the Certificate of Charter shall be:

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF
MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
COMMUNITY CHARTER

WHEREAS, _____ community has submitted its community constitution to the Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and that constitution has been approved and found not to be inconsistent with or in violation of the constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation:

Now Therefore, I the undersigned Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Muscogee (Creek) National Council, do hereby grant a Charter to:

(type name here)

_____ to operate as a community of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation with all the powers and privileges proved by tribal law.

The ordinance having been read the Chair entertained a motion. MOTION: A motion was made by Lamey and seconded by Johnson to adopt C3. A Bill establishing a procedure to Issue Tribal Charters to organized Muscogee (Creek) Indian Community Organizations. A roll call vote was taken with the results being: seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. MOTION CARRIED.

D3. A "BILL" Extending sales to non-citizens at the Tribal Store. The BILL was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Tribal Ordinance NCA 82-54, permitting persons who are not enrolled as citizens of the Muscogee Nation to purchase items at the tribal store, is hereby extended in full force and effect until otherwise provided by tribal

ordinance. The ordinance having been read the Chair entertained discussion. With discussion having been held, the Chair entertained a motion. A roll call vote was taken with the results being: seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. MOTION CARRIED. Upon a motion duly made seconded and by unanimous vote of approval, D3, a "BILL" was approved as read and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

E3. A "BILL" providing procedures for the disposal of Surplus Tribal Property. The "BILL" was not read as the contents was not what was requested by Cloud. The Chair entertained a motion. MOTION: A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Bible to postpone this "BILL" and take it to the committee, and that it would be taken to the Committee on Business and Governmental. A roll call vote was taken with the results being: seven in favor, none against and no abstentions.

G3. A "BILL" entitled Authorizing Expenditure of Funds to Compensate Representatives to the National Council Meetings previously held for which no compensation was paid. The BILL was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Notwithstanding any other provisions of tribal law: A. Representative Childers is to be compensated \$299.40 for attending meetings in July and September, 1980 on Tribal Business. B. Former Representative Cleghorn to be compensated \$320.20 for attending meetings in July, August and September, 1980 on tribal business. C. Representative Bible, Cloud, Childers, Chupco, Johnson, Lamey and Roberts are to be compensated \$100 each for their attendance at administrative information conference on personnel policy held on December 22, 1982. D. Funds obligated by this section are hereby appropriated from...The ordinance having been read the Chair entertained discussion. An explanation was given in regards to the ending of section "D" and it was explained that the money would need to be taken out to 1983 Revenue Sharing Funds Operating Expenses and the Chair entertained a motion to amend this "Item D" by adding that phrase to the end of the sentence. MOTION: A motion was made by Chupco and seconded by Cloud to amend that line by adding FY-1983 Revenue Sharing Funds". Roll call vote was taken with the results being: seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. MOTION CARRIED. By unanimous vote of approval the BILL entitled Authorizing Expenditure of Funds to Compensate Representatives to the National Council meetings previously held for which no compensation was paid", this transaction will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

F3. The Rules of Procedures by which the National Council conducts business was amended in Section 5, by adding the following narrative and delete previous language. Section 5 Committees.

A. Legislation introduced by a representative (sponsor) or at the request of the Principal Chief (by request), shall be assigned by the Speaker to one of the four standing committees of the National Council. B. Committee on Business and Governmental Services. Jurisdiction: Budgeting, finance, inter- and intra governmental policy, administrative policies and procedures, economic development, citizenship, elections and other administrative functions. C. Committee on Tribal Affairs. Jurisdiction: Real property, facilities management, leasing, law enforcement, game and wildlife, economic research and development, economic pilot projects, comprehensive planning and other tribal affairs functions. D. Committee on Community Services. Jurisdiction: Primary and allied health services, environmental services, housing, nutrition services, welfare services, community development, community organization, Indian Child Welfare Act, and other Community Services functions. E. Committee on Human Developments. Jurisdiction: Employment counseling, placement, and financial assistance, preschool, elementary and adult education; training, scholarships, and work programs; and other related human development functions. F. Committees shall meet regularly at the call of their chairman. Committee membership is established by the Rules and Procedures. Committee shall have all the powers usually exercised by legislative committees. Committees shall report legislation to the National Council for scheduling on the agenda. G. Any tribal officer, tribal citizen, tribal employee, or other person may appear at a committee meeting and discuss the need for tribal legislation on a particular or general subject. H. All bills, proposed tribal resolutions, or proposed nominations for tribal offices must be received by the National Council and assigned to a committee. Committees may approve legislation to be added to the National Council agenda. However, a majority of the National Council may remove legislation from a committee and place it upon the agenda of the National Council. I. At the close of each National Council session, the Speaker shall consult with the Members of the National Council about issues pending before the various committees which is expected to be discussed during the time prior to the next scheduled National Council meeting. J. Committees may hold informal, public sessions. However, committees may also be majority vote, determine to hold a formal hearing in accordance with section six of these Rules of Procedures.

The Chair entertained a discussion, there not being any, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Johnson to approve the amendment to the Rules of Procedures for the National Council. A roll call vote was taken the results being: seven in favor, none against and no abstentions.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

G3. A "BILL" entitled "Approving the 1985 Okmulgee Agency BIA Budget Plan. The "BILL" was placed under Items for Consideration" as it had not been discussed during the Planning Session as it was an item which needed immediate legislative action from the National Council. The Chair entertained a motion to place this item on the agenda for consideration. Motion: A motion was made by Lamey and seconded by Chupco to place this item on the agenda for consideration. A roll call vote was taken with the results being: seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. MOTION CARRIED. **Section 101.** The BIA Okmulgee Agency Budget Plan for FY 1985 has been reviewed for program priorities and incremental budget levels by the Muscogee (Creek) National Council has been revised or modified as necessary and is therefore approved in the form attached to this ordinance. Discussion: none. The Chair entertained a motion to adopt "G3" Approving the 1985 Okmulgee Agency BIA Budget Plan as read. MOTION: A motion was made by Lamey and seconded by Bible to approve G3 as read. A roll call vote was taken with the results being: seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. MOTION CARRIED: BILL G3 will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Law as such.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

H3. A "BILL" Terminating the Authorization to contract Okmulgee Agency Credit and Finance Program. This item was requested by Cloud to be placed on the agenda for consideration. Discussion was held and the Chair entertained a motion to place this item on the agenda. MOTION: A motion was made by Cloud and seconded by McIntosh to place this item on the agenda for consideration. A roll call vote was taken with the results being: Chupco - no, Bible - yea, McIntosh - yea, Johnson - no, Lamey - no, Cloud - yea, Roberts - abstain, Childers - yea. MOTION CARRIED. Upon a motion duly made and by majority vote (with the Speaker breaking the tie vote) the item was placed on the agenda for consideration and was read as follows: **Section 101.** Tribal Ordinance NCA 82-39 as amended, the 1983 Tribal Contracts Ordinance is hereby amended in Section 153 (a) (1) (a), by deleting the following language: (a) Credit and Finance-3200. The Chair entertained a motion: A motion was made by Cloud and seconded by McIntosh to adopt this "BILL" as read. Motion made a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Four against, three in favor, one abstention: Chupco - no, Bible - abstain, Lamey - no, Johnson -

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yea, McIntosh - yea, Cloud - yea, Roberts - no. MOTION DID NOT CARRY: and the "BILL" was not approved and will be recorded as such.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A Planning Session date was set for April 13, 1983 at 6:30 P.M., in the Council Chambers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Geoff Standing Bear, Legal Counsel gave the required semi-annual report.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Cloud and seconded by Roberts to adjourn. By unanimous vote of approval the meeting was adjourned.

BENEDICTION: Helen Chupco



Sandra Sapulpa Receives First Place Honors

Sandra Sapulpa, daughter of Ella Hill Bethel, Alaska and Owen Sapulpa of Albuquerque, New Mexico received 1st place honors from the city of Bethel and State of Alaska for her flag poem that was entered by her teacher. Sandra is in the third grade at Bethel. In Sandra is in the third grade at Bethel. The Flag poem contest is put on by the V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary. She received a check from the State for \$10.00 and the city \$25.00, along with certificates.

We are very proud of her. She is the granddaughter of Jackson Bruner of Dustin, OK. and Rosie Bruner of Henryetta, OK., and Helen Sapulpa of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The American Flag is inviting all of you to come and celebrate that it is still standing tall and great. We the people of this 49th state shall learn to teach those who hate, that the American Flag is great. The stripes stand for freedom and the first 13 colonies. The stars in the field of blue are for courage in a new country.

CN Employee Receives Scholarship

Dacey Taryole, Tribal Affairs Division Secretary, has been awarded a full scholarship to attend the 4th Annual Ohoyo (Resource Center) Leadership Training Conference for American Indian Women, to be held June 9-12 in Grand Forks, North Dakota. Ms. Taryole is the first Creek woman to receive a scholarship from the Ohoyo Women's group. The

conference is funded by the Women's Educational Equity Act Program in cooperation with IN-MED--Indians Into Medicine -- at the University of

North Dakota in Grand Forks.

The conference will focus on in-depth training by a host of Indian women speakers/trainers from around the country in the areas of leadership development, career choices including careers in non-traditional fields, entrepreneurship, techniques of election campaigning, and tribal sovereignty.

Ms. Taryole is full-blood Creek and speaks the Creek language fluently. She lives in Henryetta, Oklahoma and has worked for the Creek Nation since 1975.

Johnna Brown Selected Glenpool Valedictorian

Johnna Michelle Brown, daughter of John and Virginia Brown of Glenpool, was selected as valedictorian of her senior class at Glenpool High school. Ms. Brown has maintained a 4.0 grade point average and has been a member of the state honor society for the past four years.

In addition, she is listed in the "Who's Who Among American High School Students" and basketball All Star Frisco Conference for two years.

Future plans for Ms. Brown include attending the University of Oklahoma where she will major in computer science.

Plan To Attend CREEK FESTIVAL AND RODEO

**June 17-18, 1983
HENRYETTA, OKLAHOMA**

Creek Nation Festival '83

Mixed Volleyball Tournament

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Creek Election Set Oct. 22

By Helen Chalakee

This is election year for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Time to elect a Principal Chief, Second Chief and Representatives to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council.

According to the Muscogee Constitution of 1979, an election of this nature must be conducted every four years for the Principal Chief and Second Chief and every two years for Representatives. NCA Ordinance 81-82, Article I Section 101, states the Primary Election is to be conducted on the fourth Saturday in October; therefore, the coming election is scheduled October 22.

Voter registration will close ten days prior to the election at 5:00 P.M. on October 11 and re-open Wednesday, October 26 after the election. Absentee registration must be received 24 days prior to the election, 5:00 P.M., Wednesday, September 28.

In order to be eligible to vote, one must be enrolled with the Creek Citizenship Board and must have registered with the Creek Election Board. These procedures can be completed at the Tribal Complex offices of both Boards any working day from the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Forms can be obtained by mail or phone for both enrollment and voter registration. Contact P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK. 74447 or phone 918-756-8700.

In the event a majority of votes has not selected a candidate to a position, a run-off election will be conducted December 3 for the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes for that position. Again registration will close ten days prior to this election at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 22 and re-open Wednesday, December 7.

In the past two elections for representatives, one representative for each of the eight districts was seated on the National Council. However, an amendment to the Tribal Election Code was approved at the June 25 National Council meeting stating multi-member representatives will be elected in districts with 1,000 or more enrolled citizens.

On August 1, the Citizenship Board will determine the districts that will elect more than one representative according to the citizenship roll. The Citizenship Board will then contact the Election Board who will certify the additional positions for the election.

Districts qualifying for more than one representative will elect each representative district-wide, or at-large. There will not be districts within districts. Candidates from these districts will be required to file for a

specific position labeled by a letter of the alphabet, (A,B or C). Each district voter is allowed one vote for each position. Voting for more than one candidate in A, B or C will void the voter's ballot in the position.

A person may become a candidate for any of the offices and have their name appear on the election ballot only after they file a "Declaration of Candidacy" form with the Creek Nation Election Board Secretary. The Form contains the candidate's vita information and an oath, swearing the person is qualified to become a candidate according to election regulations. The Declaration of Candidacy form must be signed by the candidate and notarized by a notary public. Along with the form, the candidate must submit a copy of their tribal enrollment card.

No person may become a candidate whose name is identical to the name of the incumbent or any of the candidates when it appears the identity or similarity of names is used

for the purpose of confusing voters.

For the Office of Principal Chief and Second Chief, candidates must hold full citizenship in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and be a registered voter. They must be 30 years of age or older and must have resided within the Creek Nation boundaries for one year immediately prior to filing for office. The term is four years upon election by majority vote, beginning the first Monday in 1984.

Representatives will be elected by a vote of the district and will hold office for two years. Qualifications require them to be a legal resident of their district, 18 years of age or older and hold full citizenship in the Creek Nation.

Candidacy filing period is no earlier than 9:00 a.m., Monday, September 19 and no later than 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 21. At this time, the amount for the National Council with Hughes District Representative Nelson Johnson and Tulsa District Representative Andrew Bible comprising the Business and

Governmental Service Committee. Their decision is expected to be put before the National Council at the next meeting, July 30.

It is the responsibility of each candidate to submit an announcement of their candidacy to the Muscogee Nation News. The MNN will accept up to 300 words from each candidate stating their vita and platform. All submissions must be signed by the candidate. Any photo will be accepted. If you need the services of the M.N.N. for photography, contact the communication staff and arrange an appointment. The deadline for articles and photos is 5:00 p.m., Friday, September 21. The following week a special Muscogee Nation News "Election Issue" will be printed and circulated to approximately 6,000 Creek readers.

For more information contact the Creek Nation Election Board at the Tribal Complex. Members include: Martha Chalakee, Juliene Stone, Jonas Partridge, Richard Palmer and Gene Bigpond.

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BILL WILLIAMS, HENRYETTA, WAS THE LUCKY WINNER of the handmade Billy Cook Roping Saddle given away during the 9th Annual Creek Nation Rodeo by the Creek Nation Rodeo Association.

CN Head Start Has Openings For Fall Semester

The Eufaula Creek Nation Head Start still has openings for the Fall semester. If your child is three or four years old, he/she may be eligible to attend. Parents need to furnish proof of income, birth certificate, immunization record and Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB), if applicable.

Office hours are 8:00 - 5:00 Monday through Friday. For more information you may phone 689-5613 or come by the Center at 800 Forest Avenue. (Next door to the Indian Health Clinic).

We serve handicapped children also.



MUSCOGEE NATION NEWS

The Muscokee Nation News is a monthly publication of the Muscokee (Creek) Nation. The offices are located one mile north of Okmulgee, Oklahoma in the Creek Nation Capitol Complex. The office of the MNN is located in the Tribal Mound Building of the Complex.

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Deadline for submissions is the Friday prior to the first full week of the meeting of the Muscokee (Creek) National Council. Any submission must be brought by the MNN office during working hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

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Wysena Bucktrot and great-grandchildren.

Wysena Bucktrot Celebrates 91st Birthday In Bristow

On Sunday, May 22nd, Wysena Madison Bucktrot celebrated his 91st birthday at this home located southwest of Bristow, known as the Gypsy Community, with plenty of delicious food served outside picnic-style to 59 guests.

Wysena was born May 22, 1892, to Madie Wydie Fish Bucktrot and Contarcontar Bucktrot. And grew up in the Kellyville area. In 1920, he married Annie Dakessacocontary Brown, who died on December 27, 1963. Annie and Wysena were both full-blood Yuchi. The couple moved to the Gypsy area in 1934 where Wysena still has his homeplace and frequently returns there from the Nursing Home in Sapulpa. Together, Wysena and Annie raised two sons, Wade and Alvin, who live in the Gypsy area, four daughters: Phoebe Jones, Alice Wheeler, Ruth Crittenden and Hazel Tiger. Also, a stepdaughter, Sue Wilson of Haskell, Ok. There are 16 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren.

Wysena received many nice gifts and enjoyed visiting with family members, other relatives and friends.

NOTICE

Commodity Food Distribution Eligibility Changes

On July 1, 1983 the income limits for commodity eligibility were changed. If you have any inquiries about the change, please call or come by the Food distribution Program office located in the main complex of the Muscokee (Creek) Nation, or contact: Food Distribution Program, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447 - Phone 918/756-8700.

DEAR EDITOR:

I believe the community of Okmulgee would be proud and happy to receive the following good news:

Jerry McGilbra, Creek Indian, and graduate of Chilocco Indian School, Chilocco, Oklahoma, was elected to serve as President of the Maple Heights Board of Education on May 26, 1983. His election to this office distinguishes him as the first American Indian to be elected to a political office in the State of Ohio.

Jerry lives in Maple Heights, Ohio and has served his city, its people and its surrounding suburbs well through his knowledge and leadership ability. He sends his wishes to his many friends "back home".

Gerald F. Broski
Maple Heights Board of Education

DEATHS

WINSLOW HARJO SR.

Funeral services for Winslow Wilkey Harjo Sr. 44, were conducted June 24, at the Okmulgee Indian Baptist Church, Rev. Roley Haynes and Rev. John Riley officiated the service.

Interment was in the Okmulgee Indian Baptist Cemetery. Pallbearers were: Alfred Berryhill, Sonny Monahwee, Charlie LaSarge, Butch LaSarge, Woodrow Chalakee and Dave Powell.

Mr. Harjo was born March 29, 1939 in Okmulgee County and was a resident of Bellflower, CA. He was a laborer and did custom finishing and body work. He attended school at Preston and Okmulgee.

Survivors include his mother, Elizabeth Harjo, Okmulgee, his father Joe Harjo Jr., Henryetta, three sons: Winslow Harjo Jr., Rodney Harjo both of Beaumont, Ca. and Joshua Harjo of Bellflower, CA., one sister, Jorene Walker of Okmulgee, four brothers: Johnny Fixico, Long Beach, CA., Joe Harjo III, Culver City, CA., Herman Harjo and Barney Harjo of Okmulgee and several nieces and nephews.

ALEX BROWN

Funeral services for Alex Brown, 66 were conducted June 17, at the Shurden Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Roley Haynes officiated the service.

Mr. Brown, of Tulsa died June 14 in the Veterans Hospital at Muskogee. He was born October 19, 1916 in Weleetka. A retired carpenter, he was baptized at the Chilocco Indian School in the 1930's.

Survivors include two brothers, William J. Brown, Tulsa, and Frasier R. Brown, Arkansas City, Kansas, one sister, Sue E. Harris, of Henryetta, also several nieces and nephews.

BIRTHS



TWINS!

Twin girls were born to Amos and Bridgett Roberts, July 1 and 2nd at Claremore, Ok.

Sonya Rae was born July 1 at 11:58 p.m. weighing 6 lb. 13 oz. Sonja Renee' was born July 2nd at 12:14 a.m. weighing 6 lb. and 6 oz.

Maternal grandparents are Earnestine Henneha of Okemah and Tom Beaver of Ada. Paternal grandparents are Lizzie and Harley Roberts of Okemah. Great grandmother is Christine Henneha and great-great grandmother is Melissa Tiger, both of Okemah.

IT'S A BOY!

Carol and James Floyd announce the birth of their son, Jacob Thomas Floyd, born June 5, at Okmulgee Memorial Hospital. Jacob weighed 6 lbs. and 15 1/2 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Joe and Margaret Floyd of Eufaula, Jim and Pat Tustison of Anadarko. Carol is employed as a teacher at Checotah High School and James is the Manager of Creek Nation Community Health Services.

GEORGE BERRYHILL

Funeral services for George Berryhill, were conducted June 2, at the New Town Methodist Church with Rev. Thomas Long officiating the service.

Interment was in the Tallahassee Church grounds under the direction of the Buchanan-Wise-McClendon Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were: Sam Moore, Tommy Van Meter, Jim Blair, Jack Bevenue, Alfred Berryhill, Dave Powell and Woodrow Chalakee.

Mr. Berryhill, was born December 5, 1905 in Indian Territory, died May 30 at the Henryetta Medical Center.

Survivors include his wife, Martha Davis Berryhill, of the home, a son, Jim Berryhill of Henryetta, a stepson, Joe Wellington McIntosh of California, four daughters: Lena Mesquito, Hectorville, Dorothy Lee Crawford, Pueblo, Co., Joan Hayes, Mesquite, Tx., and Chiquita Juneau of Okmulgee, one stepdaughter, Ella Mae Natcho, Arlington, Tx., three brothers, Richard Berryhill, of California, Jeff Berryhill, Okmulgee, and Dave Berryhill, Wewoka; and two sisters, Peggy King and Mahala Chalakee both of Okmulgee. Also surviving are 17 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

CHARLES E. WRIGHT

Charles Edward Wright, of Rt. 2 Dustin died at the Wetumka General Hospital at the age of 65. He was born September 12, 1917 in Hughes County.

He was a retired farmer and laborer. He was also a World War II Army veteran. He had lived most of his life in Hughes County.

Survivors include: five daughters, Opal June Smith of Dustin; Marjorie Whitehouse, of Weleetka, Cathey Jo Fish of Tulsa, Mae Ellen Juarez and Rose Marie Marshall, both of Oklahoma City; five sons: Edd Wright, Charles Lee Wright, Kenneth Ray Wright, Eddie Wright and James Stapp, all of Oklahoma City. A brother Louis Wright of Dustin; two sisters Grace Wright, Dustin and Mrs. Cecil Welch, California; 32 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted at the Sand Creek Baptist Church. Rev. Charlie Fish, Finis Pack and Dan Phillips officiated.

Burial was in the family cemetery at the home with military rites.

MARY JANE HETTLE

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Jane Hettle, 63, were conducted Saturday, July 9 at the Kingdom Hall with Raymond Waltman officiating.

Interment was in the Okmulgee Cemetery under the direction of the Cantrell Funeral Home.

Wake services were held July 8, at the Cantrell Ivory Chapel, Rev. Togo Berryhill officated the service.

Mrs. Hettle was born November 10, 1919 in Okmulgee and moved to California about 1955. She was a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses.

Survivors include two sons, Thomas Doyle Ward, Pasadena, Ca. and Charles D. Thompson, of the home, three sisters, Katie Asbury and Elizabeth Harjo of Okmulgee, and Lucille Grimes of Henryetta, two brothers, Amos Tiger, Okmulgee, and Albert Stake Jr., Richmond, CA. and three grandchildren, one great-grandchild and nieces and nephews.



Miss Leslie Ann Barichello, 1981 Creek Nation Princess, was selected as Pow Wow Princess for the Citizen Band Pottawatomie All Nations Pow Wow, June 24 through June 26, in Shawnee, Ok. Ms. Barichello is a junior at the University of Oklahoma majoring in accounting and is currently attending summer school there.

Creek Youth Attend Annual Conference

(Tahlequah) The second Annual Indian Youth Vocational Conference was held June 19-25 at Northeastern State University at Tahlequah. The Conference, sponsored by Cherokee Nation, had in attendance student representatives from over 30 tribes from the following states: California, New Mexico, Arizona, North Carolina, Alabama and Oklahoma. The Conference was open to Indian youth 16-21.

Creek Nation was represented at the Conference, with five students and a sponsor attending. They were: Carmellia C. Buckley, Robert Alexander, Russell Jacobs, Joanna L. Jones, Tony L. Roberts and sponsor Thomas Phillips.

The week-long conference included guest speakers, workshops, on such topics as tribal management, drug and alcohol abuse, personal motivation, and data processing. Also included in the activities was a sport tournament, cultural exchange, pow-wow, arts and crafts, barbeque, etc.

An Awards Banquet was held at the end of the Conference, with prizes issued to the students.

Award winners at the Banquet included Creek Nation students; Carmellia C. Buckley - first place in basketball, second prize in volleyball and third prize in softball; Tony L. Roberts and Robert Alexander who received team ribbons for third place in volleyball. All students received a Certificate for their participation in the Conference.

The students also participated in a canoe trip down the Illinois River, as well as attending the Trail of Tears Drama, while at the Conference. In addition the students made many new friends.

Chilocco Reunion Held In Tahlequah

By Ethel Torres

The Chilocco Indian School's Annual Alumni Association Reunion was held June 17 and 18th at the "Tsa-La-Gi" Inn, in Tahlequah. Approximately 309 were present.

Friday June 17, was spent in registration - visitation and on Friday night many attended the "Trail of Tears" Drama. Saturday again was registration - visitation and a 3 hour business meeting in the afternoon. A decision was made to contribute the Chilocco artifacts to the Oklahoma Historical Society where care will be given them, instead of laying in storage in Anadarko as is now. They later would have gone to Washington having no meaning to anyone there.

Dorma Kissea Hollis read the minutes Cedric Starr will be the new president for '83-'84, replacing James Bearskin, who has done an excellent job.

1984 will bring forth Chilocco's 100th Anniversary which will be observed in Okla. City at a later announced location. Many were hoping to have that reunion on the Chilocco campus but there are no modern facilities available.

Requests were made to see action taken on the preservation of the 75 graves at Chilocco, mostly students of

Chilocco's military days who had no homes. The print shop equipment is in a Guthrie print shop.

Overton Cheadle of Ada was appointed to head a committee to honor past employees who merit plaques of recognition for service to the school and to the students. He will choose one from each chapter to form the Committee.

Luella Woods will chair a committee to revise the constitution of Chilocco (which was 1st written in 1894) and have it ready to present at the 1984 reunion.

Clem Griffen, president of the "Tsa-La-Gi" Chapter welcomed the alumni to the evenings banquet. DeRoy Skinner was master of ceremonies, presented the awards, and introduced the classes.

Cynthia Day Reunion Set

The 5th annual family reunion will be held for Cynthia (Jacobs) Day and the late Barney Tiger. It will be held August 6, 1983, starting at 10:00 a.m. at Nichols Park, in Henryetta. Please bring a covered dish and plan to be there.

For more information contact Mary Hobbs 405-786-2792 or Mel Clendening 405-452-5935.

Letter To The Creek People:

Make Tribal Elections Your Business. . .Vote!

On October 22 of this year, it will once again be time for you as citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to exercise your voting rights to elect tribal officials.

Since 1971 when federal law proclaimed the Creek Nation could elect a principal officer, the Creek people have determined who, and how their tribal government should be operated through majority vote.

Four years ago with the inception of the 1979 Muscogee (Creek) Constitution, an even greater responsibility lay in the hands of the people. It was the responsibility to elect a National Council Representative who would truly serve their community's needs.

In four months the fate of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation will be decided by putting trust and responsibility into the hands of a reputable Principal Chief, a reputable Second Chief and a reputable National Council through the power of majority vote.

For those of you who are enrolled and registered to vote, you know and share in the joy and excitement of each tribal achievement. For those not yet enrolled and registered to vote, give yourself the opportunity to have a say in Creek government; enroll with the Creek Nation Citizenship Board and register to vote with the Election Board. Both offices are located in the main building in the Tribal Complex in Okmulgee.

Respectfully,

**Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief
Muscogee (Creek) Nation**



LETTER FROM EVANGELIST ERNEST BEST

"The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: He shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore." Psalms 121 7-8

I praise God for this promise. We have been going and preaching to many tribes of our people, flying and driving, and God has watched over us. In April, I was in Canada where I preached in an Indian meeting. What a blessing! I also visited and preached on two reserves. I left Canada in a snow storm. Praise God for His Promise!

In May, my wife and I spent a week in South Dakota in a meeting where satan tried to prevail. On Tuesday night, three non-Indian men came into the church during the time of the preaching. One was smoking a pipe, one was carrying a ball bat, and the other was loudly mocking my preaching. These were mature men, 35 to 40 years old. One was identified as superintendent of schools of a neighboring community. I don't know what they had on their minds, but they failed to do anything. The Pastor and another man put them out of the church, where a fourth man waited in a car. I continued to preach. Praise God for His promise! Praise God for victory to serve Him. God moved with power in this meeting. There was a woman saved, and a man rededicated his life and submitted to baptism, and there were many others who came for prayer and confession of sin. We are praising God that our son, Gerald, has surrendered his life for full time service to the Lord. He has joined our evangelistic team as our musician. He will be helping in the music, teaching, and various other things. God has given him some great gifts and we are so thankful he has committed them to be used of his Lord. Please pray for him.

The last week of May was spent at Pitchfork Camp, listening to the preaching of the Word of God, good gospel music, and fellowship with our Christian brothers and sisters. What a blessing it has been.

The week has helped prepare us for the summer months ahead. We are looking forward to a very busy time, starting Memorial Day week end and ending somewhere around Thanksgiving. Please continue to pray for us daily. We are very excited about the opportunities ahead of us, but we are so well aware that except the Holy Spirit of God do the work, we will be going in vain. The prayers of God's people move the Spirit of God to work in the hearts of lost people. It is so good to hear people say, "We pray for you all the time." Amen. That is why we see God do the things He does. We indeed are co-laborers together.

My wife, my son and I, as your missionaries to the American Indians thank you for your faithful support and prayers. May God richly bless in your work for him.

His Servants,
Brother Ernest, Bennie & Gerald Best

Creek Nation Takes 1st In National Olympics

TEAM TOTALS

Creek Nation - 1st, KCA - 2nd, Osage - 3rd. Sportmanship - Dallas Indian United Methodist. Team traveled farthest distance: Dallas Indian United Methodist.

50 METER

10-11 Girls: 1st Wenona Bunny - Creek, 2nd JoLynn Tiger - Creek, 3rd April Fraizer, Dallas. **Boys:** 1st Michael Manley - Creek, 2nd Spencer McIntosh - Creek, 3rd Justin Sellers - Osage.

100 METER

10-11 Girls: 1st Tonya Williams - Dallas, 2nd Wenona Bunny - Creek, 3rd April Frazier - Dallas. **Boys:** 1st Michael Manley - Creek, 2nd Mann Iron - Osage, 3rd Vernon Powell - Creek. **12-13 Girls:** 1st Terri Banderas - KCA, 2nd Amy Coachman - Creek, 3rd Partresia Harry - Creek. **Boys:** 1st Robert Lena - Creek, 2nd Gordan Washee - KCA, 3rd Wade Jennings - Creek. **14-15 Girls:** 1st Angie Hale - Creek, 2nd Karen Bear - Creek, 3rd Michele Punley - KCA. **Boys:** 1st Ron

McIntosh - Creek, 2nd T.J. Larney - Creek, 3rd Chipper Archilta - KCA. **16-18 Girls:** 1st Stacy Bushyhead - Creek, 2nd Judith Couffer - Osage, 3rd Lenetta Parker - KCA. **Boys:** 1st Sid Gatzman - Creek, 2nd Ray Goad - Osage, 3rd Robert Long, Creek.

200 METER

12-13 Girls: 1st Terri Banderas - KCA, 2nd Amy Coachman, 3rd Partresia Harry - Creek. **Boys:** 1st Chris Jackson - Creek, 2nd Douglas Crowghost Jr. - Dallas, 3rd Robert Jones - KCA. **14-15 Girls:** 1st Angie Hale - Creek, 2nd Karen Bear - Creek, 3rd Michele Punley - KCA. **Boys:** 1st T.J. Larney - Creek, 2nd Stanley Brown - Creek, 3rd Warren Barr - Osage. **16-18 Girls:** 1st Judith Couffer - Osage, 2nd Lenetta Parker - KCA, 3rd Renita Chalepah - KCA. **Boys:** 1st Jeff Washee - KCA, 2nd Dale King - Creek, 3rd Raymond Goad - Osage.

400 METER

12-13 Girls: 1st Monica Ware - KCA, 2nd Ladonna Subieta - KCA, 3rd Lucretia

McGirt - Creek. **Boys:** 1st Brett Tiger - Creek, 2nd Ricky Yohesuite - KCA, 3rd Donald Preciado - KCA. **14-15 Girls:** 1st Johnny Adams - Osage, 2nd Michelle Fields, Creek, 3rd Gloria Burris - Creek. **Boys:** 1st Bobby Archilta - KCA, 2nd Travis McIntosh - Creek, 3rd Chipper Archilta - KCA. **16-18 Girls:** 1st Connie George - Creek, 2nd Lenetta Parker - KCA, 3rd Renita Chalepah - KCA. **Boys:** 1st Kevin Marquin - KCA, 2nd Dale King, 3rd Sid Gatzman - Creek.

800 METER

12-13 Girls: 1st Monica Ware - KCA, 2nd Ladonna Subieta - KCA, 3rd Thomasine Byrd - Creek. **Boys:** 1st Brett Tiger - Creek, 2nd Ricky Yohesuite - KCA, 3rd Doug Crowghost, Jr. - Dallas. **14-15 Girls:** 1st Gloria Burris - Creek, 2nd Pamie Tsatoke - KCA, 3rd Tonya Berryhill - Creek. **Boys:** 1st Dondi Wildcat - Creek, 2nd Zack Pickering, 3rd Mike Pewo - KCA. **16-18 Girls:** 1st Connie George - Creek, 2nd Susan Heah - Creek, 3rd none. **Boys:** 1st B.J.

Smith - Osage, 2nd Thomas Mackey - Creek, 3rd Merrill Wilson - KCA.

1 MILE RUN

16-18 Girls: 1st Susan Heath - Creek, No other entries. **Boys:** 1st B.J. Smith - Osage, 2nd Dondi Wildcat - Creek, 3rd - Thomas Mackey - Creek.

400 MIXED RELAY

10-11: 1st Creek, 2nd Osage, 3rd KCA. **12-13:** 1st Creek, 2nd Osage, 3rd KCA.

40 RELAY

10-12 Girls: 1st Creek, 2nd Osage, 3rd KCA. **Boys:** 1st Osage, 2nd Creek, 3rd none. **12-13 Girls:** 1st KCA, 2nd Creek, 3rd Osage. **Boys:** 1st KCA, 2nd Creek, 3rd Dallas. **14-15 Girls:** 1st Creek, 2nd KCA, 3rd None. **Boys:** 1st Creek, 2nd KCA, 3rd Osage. **16-18 Girls:** 1st Creek. **Boys:** 1st Creek, 2nd KCA.

800 RELAY

14-15 Girls: 1st Creek. **Boys:** 1st Creek. **16-18 Girls:** 1st Creek. **Boys:** 1st Osage, 2nd Creek.

LONG JUMP

12-13 Girls: 1st Delilah Rameriz - Creek,

Know Your Rights

Second In A Series Of Articles By Geoffrey Standing Bear, Creek Nation Attorney

Normally the first appearance in court in a criminal case is the arrest arraignment at which time a person is allowed to make arrangements for getting out of jail, either by posting cash bond, retaining a bondsman, or being released on their or their attorney's promise to reappear which is called "recognizance". Also, a person will receive the date of their next court appearance. For the next court date arrangements should be made for an attorney to represent a defendant. If you cannot afford an attorney you should promptly inform the court of this.

Also, a person should not plead "guilty" or waive their right to jury trial until after talking it over with an attorney. The best thing to do is to plead "not guilty" and to ask for a jury trial.

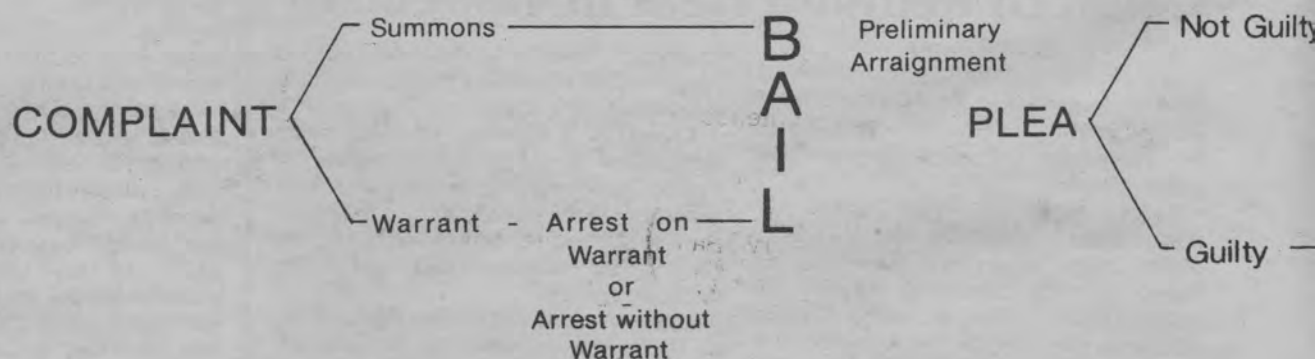
Those who cannot afford an attorney will have one appointed for them by the court. In Oklahoma and Tulsa counties there are public

defenders offices which represent such people. In the other counties regular local attorneys are appointed.

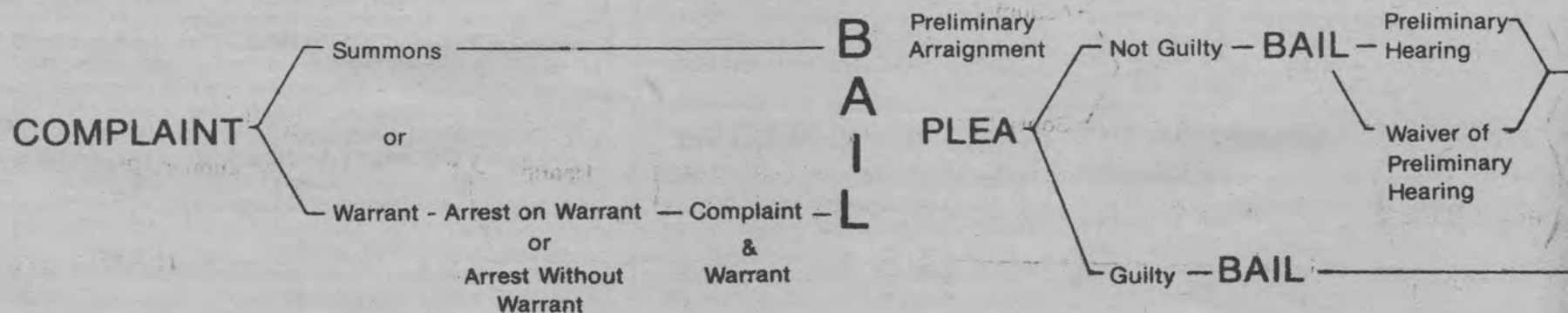
In any criminal case the defendant has the right to a jury trial, to have the State or city prosecutor to prove each element of the crime beyond a reasonable doubt, and to cross-examine each witness against them.

"Plea bargaining" is the process by which most criminal cases are disposed of. This is where a person can plead guilty to a lesser crime than they were charged with or be put on probation. This occurs by agreement between the prosecutor and the defendant and must be approved by the judge. In return for the lower penalty the defendant gives up the rights described above. An example of plea bargaining is as follows - the defendant is picked up and charged with possession of marijuana, since he has never been charged with a crime before, the

Misdemeanor



Felony



2nd Sabra Gist - Creek, 3rd Lennie Koassechomy - KCA. **Boys:** 1st Robert Lena - Creek, 2nd Dan Cass - Osage, 3rd Gordan Washee - KCA. **10-11 Girls:** 1st Tonya Williams - Dallas, 2nd Lori McKinney - Osage, 3rd Kay Punley - KCA. **Boys:** 1st Michael Frye - Creek, 2nd A.J. Jones - Creek, 3rd Sandy Banderas - KCA. **14-15 Girls:** Dona Williams - Creek, 2nd Pam Pain - Creek. **Boys:** 1st Ron McIntosh - Creek, 2nd Mike Tobert - Creek, 3rd Bobby Archilta - KCA. **16-18 Girls:** 1st Stacy Bushyhead, 2nd Stephanie Taylor, 3rd none. **Boys:** 1st Jeff Washee - KCA, 2nd Kevin Marroquin - KCA, 3rd Robert Long - Creek.

SOFTBALL

10-11 Girls: 1st Tracie Tiger - Creek, 2nd Lisa Bigeagle - Osage, 3rd Dana Simon - KCA. **Boys:** 1st Jason Fraizer - Dallas, 2nd Donnie Blood - Creek, 3rd Ricky Stafford - Creek. **12-13 Girls:** 1st Geneva Rabbitt - Creek, 2nd Becky Fields - Creek, 3rd Michelle Pradmore - Osage. **Boys:** 1st Dan Cass - Osage, 2nd Timmy Bible - Creek, 3rd Kevin Wilson - Osage.

SHOT PUTT

14-15 Girls: 1st Asa Cunningham - Osage, 2nd Penny Harjo - Creek, 3rd Dona Roberts - Creek. **Boys:** 1st Steve Fox - Creek, 2nd Sampson Squire - Creek, 3rd David Murry - Osage. **16-18 Girls:** 1st Jerrie O'Shields - Creek, 2nd Kim Pradmore - Osage, 3rd Beth Henry - Creek. **Boys:** 1st Steve Yocham - Creek, 2nd Charles Passah - KCA, 3rd David King - Creek.

GOLF TOURNEY RESULTS

Medalist, Lou Baker

Team Scramble

1st

Dan Grover, L.W. Moody, Charles Gallagher, John Bartmess.

2nd

Vincent Knight, Kerry Brown, Woody Kinney, Roley McIntosh.

3rd

Randy Parker, Sonny Fields, Eugene Bible, Jimmy John.

4th

Burl Berry, Dan Amos, Toby Wise, Ed Little.

5th

Sam Jones, William Freeman, Jim Wahpepah, Jim Spencer.

Women's Championship

1st - Betty Page, 91

2nd - Katie Alfred, 98

3rd - Margaret Knight, 100

"A"

1st - Moni Daniels

2nd - Vicky Johnson

3rd Mildred Drew

Men's Longest Drive:

Kerry Brown

Men's Closest to the Hole

Turner Bear

Women's Longest Drive

Betty Page

Women's Closest to the Hole

Moni Daniels

Oldest Golfer

Martin Sanders, age 76

Traveled the farthest

Charles Gallagher

VOLLEYBALL RESULTS

1st place-Bill's All Stars
2nd place-First Americans
3rd place Stilwell T-Birds Sportsmanship, Coweta

ARCHERY RESULTS

Class "A"

1st place 216 - Ronald Johnson, Holdenville; 2nd place 209 - Robert Hicks, Shawnee; 3d place 197 - Jackson King, Holdenville.

Class "B"

1st place 187 - Edd Harjo, Konawa; 2nd 156 - Van Taryole, Okemah; 3rd place 151 - Wiley Littlecreek, Okemah.

Class "C"

1st 178 - Nick Taryole, Okemah, oldest contestant age 69; 2nd 176 - Richard Emathle, Ada; 3rd 166 - Junior Henneha, Okemah.

Youth

1st 132 - Keith Jennings, Okmulgee; 2nd 95 - Lester Bucktrot, Bristow.

prosecutor allows him to plead guilty pursuant to an agreement that the defendant will be placed on probation for one year and if he is not again arrested and follows other conditions (like stays out of bars, not associate with convicted felons) then the case will be dismissed. If the defendant breaks one of the conditions then he will be sentenced to one year in jail. Each county has its own set of unwritten rules on plea bargaining so it is not advisable to plea bargain without an attorney.

Many plea bargains involve sususpended and deferred sentences. The difference is that suspended sentences go on the record of the individual but there is no jail time. A deferred sentence also carries no jail time but the record is erased and does not count as a conviction.

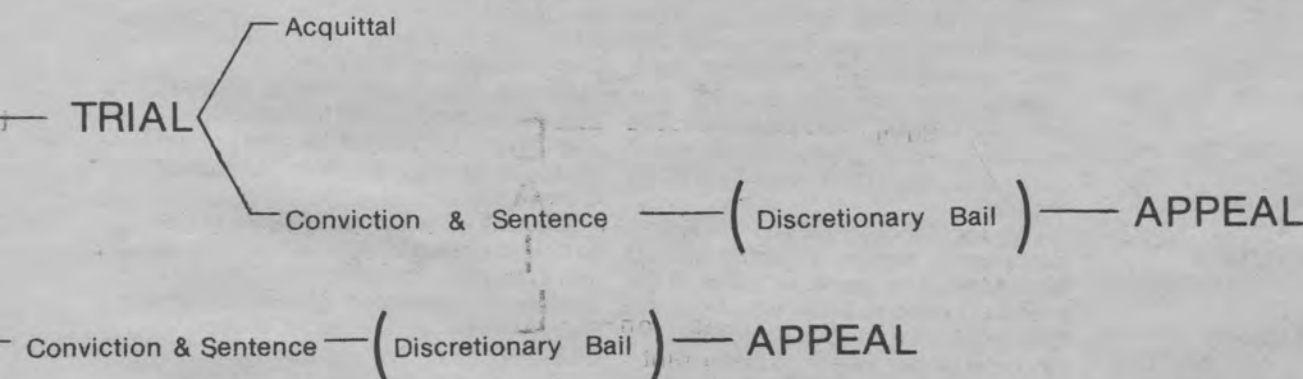
The court process can be very confusing to someone not familiar with it. Below is a chart of the court process. This is not intended to be

complete and an attorney should be consulted for a real understanding of the procedure in court. Notice that there is a difference between felonies and misdemeanors. Felonies are more serious and result in confinement in a penitentiary along with other penalties. Misdemeanors are less serious and carry a maximum of one year in jail and a fine.

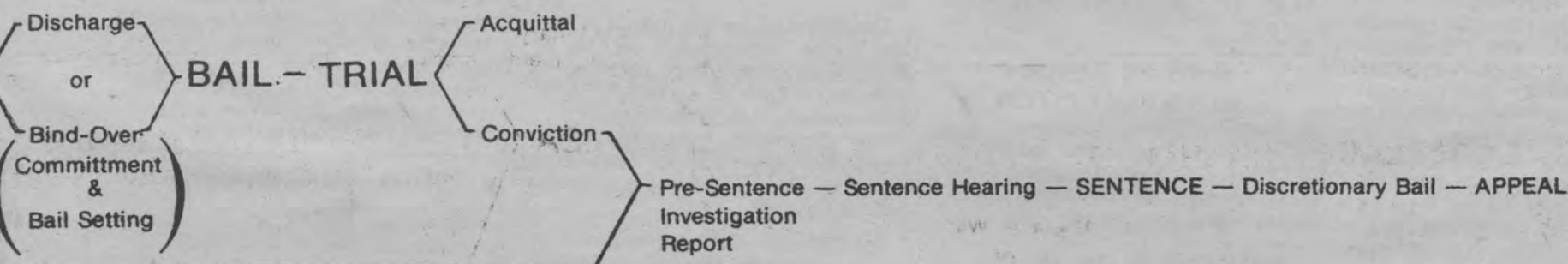
Another difference is that in felony matters the defendant is entitled to a "preliminary hearing" while in misdemeanors this step is not there. For more detailed information on these procedures a person should consult an attorney or contact our office.

Even the most minor criminal cases should not be taken lightly. Prior convictions will effect later convictions and plea bargaining has its limits. When in trouble contact a reputable attorney immediately and remember to stand up for your rights.

Procedure



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A.I.R.A.O. RODEO NEWS

Scheduled A.I.R.A.O. rodeos for the rest of the '83 season are: **Talihina, August 5-6**, Books Open August 2, 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Phone 501/289-4261; **Shawnee, August 19-20**, Books Open August 3, 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Phone 405/737-8495, \$500 Added Each Event; **Smithville, August 26-27**, Books Open August 15, 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Phone 501/289-4261, \$300 Added Each Event; **Tahlequah (no information)**.

Creek Nation Rodeo Results

BAREBACK RIDING

James Duffield-74-\$373.45; Tom Osburn-69-\$224.07.

SADDLE BRONC

Howard Hunter-76-\$482.57; Frank Hunter-73-\$289.55; (3rd. Place Split) Larry Montileaux, J.R. Hunt, Louie Burshia, Rome Wagner-\$48.25.

CALF ROPING

Jack Foreman-10.12-\$659.60; Damon Edmisten-10.64-\$494.70; Howard Edmondson-11.41-\$329.80; Dee Keener-11.59-\$164.90.

STEER WRESTLING

Roy Ball-4.10-\$485; James Duffield-5.58-\$291; Ron Hammer-6.30-\$194.

LADIES BARREL RACING

Kay Lynn Dodson-16.23-\$500; Sissy Williams-16.25-\$381.21; Bridgett Barnett-16.31-\$254.14; Pam Hall-16.32-\$127.07.

JR. BARREL RACING

(Friday Night) Sonja Hayes-16.83-\$40; Shay Nicholas-16.97-\$24; Christie Dethrage-18.08-\$16. (Saturday Night) Sonja Hayes-16.51-\$40; Justin Dodson-16.70-\$24; Bud Sullivan-16.91-\$16.

TEAM ROPING

Ben and Paul Lee Foreman-8.55-640.20; Nate Barney and Wayne Franklin-9.05-\$480.15; Keith and Davy Bacon-12.25-\$320; Roy Ball and Red Nichols-12.54-\$160.05.

BULL RIDING

Matt Folwer-74-\$700; Daniel Susan-71-\$525; (3rd-4th Split) Brad Fish, Jerry Fish-69-\$262.50.

A.I.R.A.O. Standings

BAREBACK

James Duffield-\$373.45; Tom Osburn-\$288.09; Joel McNiel-\$42.68.

SADDLE BRONC

Rome Wagner-\$436.25; Mel Williamson-\$111.55; Chuck Lewis-\$66.93; Louie Burshia-\$48.25; Larry Belkham-\$48.25.

CALF ROPING

Jack Forman-\$1,199.89; Damon Edmisten-\$781.15; Hal Tomason-\$228.92; Pepper Morgan-\$184.30; Dee Keener-\$164.90; Jim Cooper-\$114.46; Paul Lee Forman-\$57.23.

STEER WRESTLING

Roy Ball-\$543.20; Ron Hammer-\$395.76; James Duffield-\$291.00; Dean Hammer-\$198.85; Dean Husdon-\$145.50; Tom Botone-\$87.30; Mel Williamson-\$87.30; Jan Killough-\$84.39.

LADIES BARREL RACING

Kay Lynn Dodson-\$851.90; Sissy Williams-\$483.06; Bridgett Barnett-\$472.38; Pam Hall-\$194.97; Lori Moffett-\$181.87; Sonja Hayes-\$72.75; Joanna Patterson-\$72.75.

Lets all go out and support these rodeos. This is a first for Talihina. Let them know you appreciate their efforts.

Gene Dunson, President of the Creek Nation Rodeo Association says, "Thanks" to everyone who supported the 9th Annual CN Rodeo. He added that next year will be the "BIGGY", the 10th Anniversary of the Association. Make plans now to attend, lots of exciting things are planned for this one!

JR. BARREL RACING

Sonja Hayes-\$131.00; Justin Dodson-\$122.50; Shea Bickford-\$53.10; Christie Dethrage-\$35.40; Chay Nicholas-\$24.00

TEAM ROPING

Ben Forman-\$1,040.20; Paul Lee Forman-\$727.02; Jack Forman-\$666.87; Keith Bacon-\$580.45; Justin Patterson-\$353.57; Bob Arrington-\$347.26; Tony Maker-\$347.26; Davy Bacon-\$260.45; Leo Howry-\$173.63; Bill Davis-\$173.63; Roy Ball-\$160.05; Red Nichols-\$160.05; Doug Whitehorn-\$133.37; Danny dodson-\$133.37.

BULL RIDING

Matt Fowler-\$700; Marvin O'Kelly-\$560.17; Brad Fish-\$353.68; Jerry Fish-\$262.50; Don Osburn-\$227.95; Jim Roanhorse-\$160.05.

ALL-AROUND

Jack Forman-\$1866.64; Paul Lee Foreman-\$71.07; Roy Ball-\$703.25; James Duffield-\$664.45; Mel Williamson-\$198.85.

Tennis Results

TENNIS MEN'S SINGLES

Ron Qualls (Tahlequah) Def. Bruce Hario (Fairfax) 6-1, 6-0.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Jeri Redcorn (Norman) Def. Dorothy McEmore (Tulsa) 6-1, 6-1.

MEN'S 35 SINGLES

Rollin Kekahbah (Lawrence, KS.) Def. Jim Givens (Mendota, Ca.) 6-2, 6-1.

GIRL'S 18 SINGLES

Karen White (Weatherford) Def. Michele Martinez (Dallas,Tx) 5-7, 6-1, 6-1.

BOY'S 18 SINGLES

Herb White (Weatherford) Def. Aaron Cusher (McAlester) 6-1, 6-3.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Ron Qualls - Buddy McCarty Def. Rollin Kekahbah - Tom Dixon 6-1, 7-5.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Jeri Redcorn - Phyllis Berryhill Def. Laurie Dixon - Nona Daughtery (Lawrence) 6-1, 6-3.

MIXED DOUBLES

Laurie Dixon - Jim Givens Def. Dot McEmore - Max Factor (Muskogee) 6-3, 6-2.

Softball Results

MEN'S FAST PITCH

1st Place - Talihina Choctaws, 2nd place - Lawrence, Kansas, 3rd Place - Red Race, 4th Place Beeline Paving; Sportsmanship - Creek Warrior; MVP - Wendy Ward and George Tiger.

WOMEN'S SLOW-PITCH

1st Place - Sapulpa All-Stars, 2nd Place - Torbett Printing - Okmulgee, 3rd Place - Track Group - Muskogee, 4th Place - Haskell - Lawrence Kansas; Sportsmanship - Okla. City Security, MVP - Michelle Ferguson and Minnie Wolfe.

National Indian Fastpitch Championships Scheduled September 8-11, Albuquerque

The National Indian Fastball Championships will be held September 8-11 in Albuquerque.

The Championships are sponsored by National Indian Athletic Association, which will be headquartered at the Classic Hotel and Convention Center, 6815 Menaul Ave. in Albuquerque.

The Tournament's Women's Section will consist of 32 teams with Gordon Russell serving as Women's Tournament Director.

The Men's Sections will consist of 42 teams. Fred Parton is the Tournament Director.

Entry deadline is September 2, 1983. The fee is \$250.00 American (with all checks certified or money order in U.S. currency). Checks should be made out to the following: Women's Section -

Gordon Russell/NIAA 1983; Men's Section - Fred Parton/NIAA 1983.

For further information on the Championship contact the Classic Hotel and Convention Center, 6815 Menaul N.E., Albuquerque, N.M. 87110, toll free number 1-800-528-1234 or (505) 881-0000. The Albuquerque Coordinator is Ed Little, (505) 247-0371, who will coordinate ballfields, and provide information on directions, motel information and concessions.

The Men's and Women's Tournament directors can be contacted as follows: Gordon Russell, 10176 117 St. Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, T5K 1X3, telephone (403) 482-6051; Fred Parton, Box 263, Anadarko, Ok. 73005, telephone (405) 247-6729.

Okfuskee Indian Community

By Sharon Hicks

The Okfuskee Community members held their monthly meeting May 7, 1983 at Joe Hicks residence. The meeting came to order at 3:00. The community members are getting less at each meeting. They all need to come to the meetings and participate. Everyone in the community needs to take part in our get togethers, like bingo's, cake walks, and such. We know there are lots of elderly people around our community that needs help and even the ones that are able also needs help. So we need for all of our members to try and come to our regular meetings and then maybe we will be able to help each other out.

The community also has a new Vice President, since Banson Hicks and his family moved out of our community, Johnny Hicks was elected to become Okfuskee's next Vice President. We know he will do a great job. During our meeting we had decided to raise some money for our community. The first one was to sell tickets for some prizes, and for this the drawing was held July 2 at Joe Hicks residence. The next thing we are going to do is to sell candy and we all think we will do good hopefully.

We the people of the Okfuskee Community needs to know who is representing us, because some of the members need to know who he is. We also would like for our representative to come to our meetings because it is really awful that some of our members cannot recognize our own representative. So if you know who you are, we would like for you to come to our meeting. We would be most grateful. Anyone you wish to bring with you is most welcomed to come also.

The birthdays for the month of May was Louise Deeringwater on May 19, also our reporter Sharon Hicks had a birthday on June 28. So we say to the both of them Happy Birthday.

The community held their regular bingo on June 25, at Joe Hicks residence. We also had a pie and cake walk afterwards.

The Okfuskee Community is looking for a cultivator for a H-Farmall International, at a reasonable price, so if anyone has one for sale please contact Joe or Simmer Hicks at 623-0886. But please call anytime after 6:00. We would appreciate it very much.

Farron and Irene Hicks are moving back from Ada into Okfuskee Community. They will be moving into their new home. We welcome them into our Community.

One of our members, our own reporter is having a birthday, the 28th of this month. She is a year older from last year, that's all I can tell.

A few of our girls from our community entered in the Tournament at Lamar 25th and 26th. They came in 2nd, they played hard. Two of the girls got hurt but it wasn't bad. They played back to back.

The Okfuskee Community held a volleyball tournament in May and was very successful. Irene Sands of Castle took 1st place and the Okfuskee Community 2nd place, and Simmer Hicks team took 3rd place. We would like to thank everyone for helping. They also had a turtle race and it was successful and Sherman Hicks came in first and took the trophy. Congradulations Sherman.

During the Creek Nation Festival, Rita Hicks came in 2nd in Horseshoes. She is the daughter of Joe and Lorene Hicks they are all from Okfuskee Community.

The Okfuskee Community are going to hold a slow pitch tournament July 16 and 17th, enter fee will be \$65.00 and if anyone is interested please contact Mary Walters or LouAnnie Walters at 623-0886, the first ten teams.

Two of our community members Simmer Hicks and Ernest McPerryman rode in the Creek Nation Rodeo they did fairly well, we wish them good luck next year. They really hit the ground hard, but were not hurt.

Also during the fast pitch tournament we would like to congratulate Louis Walters for getting a home run off of Sam Beaver. We wish him the best.

We would like to say to everyone that you all enjoy the rain we had and hope everyone's garden will grow.

Horseshoe Results

MEN'S

1st Place, Lary Noble, 2nd Place R.M. Bowker

WOMEN'S

1st Place, Lee Ann Hicks, 2nd Place Rita Hicks.

MIXED COUPLES

1st Place Coke & R.G. Bowker, 2nd Place Robert & Rena Grant.



Valene Bigpond Will Attend O.U.

Miss Valene Nancy Bigpond, daughter of Kessler Bigpond Jr. and Josephine Benally graduated from Bristow High School on May 20th.

The 18 year old Creek-Navajo was very active in High School and was on the Principals Honor Roll. She was in the Speech club, Art club and a member of the Band for 3 years.

Valene was elected as the student representative in the Title IV-Indian Program for 1983.

Miss Bigpond has been accepted at Oklahoma University for the Fall term. Valene will work this summer as a secretarial aid in the Principal's office through the Creek Nation Ceta Program.

Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kessler Bigpond Sr. of Bristow.

The young scholar states that she wants to further her education at O.U. and is considering a possible law degree.

Valene related that because her father has a Masters Degree from Harvard and her uncles attended UCLA she was inspired to continue her education and perhaps to attend Harvard. "I'm ready to go and look forward to the challenge" she said.

We wish Valene good luck in her studies at Oklahoma University.

1949 Haskell Grads Plan '85 Reunion

There are six 1949 high school graduates of Haskell living in Lawrence area who have formed a nucleus group to implement plan and procedures for a class reunion, during Commencement-1985, in conjunction with the "Centennial Year" celebration.

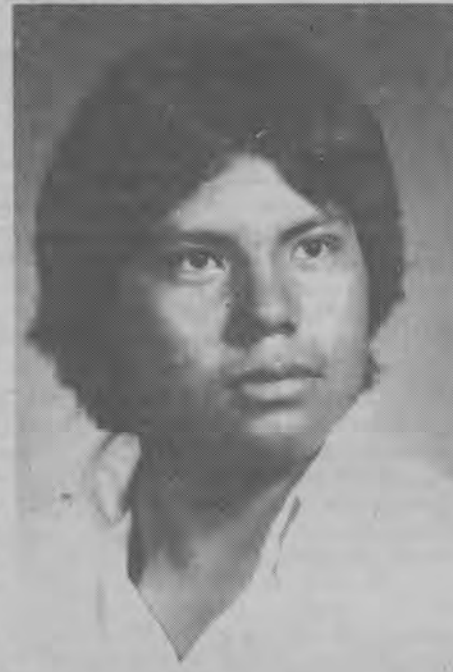
We are fortunate to have our class president living right here in Lawrence, Johnnie Daniel. Others are: Leona (Buckman) St. Clair, Lucy (Bohanan) Hardy, Ester (Colbert) Harjo, Kenneth Holden, and Richard Morris.

Those who graduated in May 1949, from high school, Haskell Institute, please write and send us your address and those of others you may about. Encourage them to write for more information. Our addresses are: Leona St. Clair, 112 Glenview Dr., Lawrence KS 66044; Lucy Hardy, 1018 New Jersey St., Lawrence KS; Johnnie Daniel, 2701 Maverick Lane, Lawrence; Kenneth Holden, 128 Indian St., Lawrence; Richard Morris, 1935 Barker St., Lawrence KS; Ester Harjo, c/o Printing, Navarre Hall, Haskell Indian Jr. College, Lawrence KS 66044.

Bristow Indian Community

Our Land/Building Committee is in the process of locating and negotiating purchase of land for a Community Building. Jerry Riley, Chairman, has made several promising contacts and will follow-up on these and have further information soon.

Our Community Constitution and By-Laws have been approved and signed which is necessary before we are eligible to receive any benefits from the Creek Nation. We have sent in a request for community lawn-care equipment. To date no word has been received on this.



Lance Johnson Receives Award

Lance Johnson, 17 year old Creek senior at Henryetta High School recently received the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award in recognition of outstanding achievement by an instrumentalist in the field of jazz, as demonstrated through superior musicianship, character and individual creativity.

Lance is a member of the H.H.S. Marching Band, Concert Band and Stage Band. He plays several instruments and has been participating in the school's music program since 6th grade. He plans to attend college and major in music to become a band director.

Lance's parents are Eugene Johnson, Muskogee and Irma Johnson Henryetta. His grandparents are Charley and Judy Johnson, Henryetta and Leah Davis, Dewar.



Community youths working on the Summer Youth Employment Program (CETA) are Anthony Armstrong, Valene Bigpond, Thomas Bigpond, Freddie Knight and Chris Buckley. This work program ends July 22nd. Participants are paid \$3.35/hr. and ordinarily work 40 hours per week.

Our Bristow Indian Girls' Community Softball team entered the Creek Nation Softball Tournament held during the Creek Festival in Henryetta, and also entered the Sauk and Fox Tournament held July 2nd and 3rd at Stroud, approximately 40 community members enjoyed visiting followed by a cookout. The children swam in the swimming pool located on the tribal grounds.

Plans are in the process for a slow-pitch co-ed softball tournament to be held in Bristow on August 13th and 14th at the City Park.

Next meeting scheduled for July 21st. The 3rd Thursday of each month is our regular meeting date. Home made ice cream and cake will be served, followed by a short business meeting.



Jaycees Select Beaver "Outstanding Young Man of America"

Tom Beaver was recently selected as an "Outstanding Young Man of America for 1983" by the Board of Directors of the U.S. Jaycees.

Tom is currently Public Service Director for WCCO TV in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He has been involved with the station in various capacities for the past ten years, with the exception of 1 1/2 years to serve a political appointment as Press Secretary to then Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Forrest Gerrard in Washington, D.C.

In January, he was elected Chairman of the Minneapolis Civil Rights Commission. Tom is also District Director of the Minnesota League of Human Rights Commission, Advisory Committee Member of Minnesota Cable Vision; and on the Board of Directors of the American Indian Business Development Corp., the Urban Coalition of Minnesota, Pillsbury-Waite Neighbor Services and Na-Way-We.

And... about twice a year, Tom gets back to Oklahoma to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Beaver, Morris.

Frank Jacobs Family Reunion

The descendants of Frank D. Jacobs met for a reunion Memorial Day weekend at Fountainhead Lodge. Highlights of the reunion was a picnic lunch, Monday the 30th. Those attending were:

LEAH JACOBS MCINTOSH DESCENDANTS Jeanatta Hardridge, Eufaula, Ok., Kitty M. Stafford, Eufaula, Ok., Cho-Wella Franklin, Del City, Ok., Doug & Valeria Morris, Broken Arrow, Ok.

JOHN JACOBS DESCENDANTS: Jim & Irene Cleghorn and sons: Tommy, Bob, & Ron all of Tulsa, Ok. Mary Jacobs Harris, Ok. City, OK; Jane Harris Welch and children, Mike Julia & Martha all of Wichita, Ks.; Kenny (Waddy) & Darlene Harris & son Steve of Norman, OK.; Becky Jacobs Lena, Holdenville, OK.; Ella Jacobs, Muskogee, Ok.; Jeff & Lisa King and son Lauren or Norman, Ok.; Tara King, Panama Canal; Nancy King of New York; James and Nina King and son Arlington, Tx.

NEWMAN JACOBS DESCENDANTS: Warren and Edna Jacobs, Canton, Tx; Sam Jacobs, Houston, Tx.; Sarah Jane Jacobs, Dallas, Tx.; Chas & Johnnie Grona, Irving, Tx.; and Johnnie's children, Stephanie and Danny Lee.

SARAH JACOBS PERRYMAN DESCENDANTS: Newman & Mary Perryman, Tulsa, Ok.; Pat & Harry Moore and Steven, Tulsa, Ok.

WILLIE JACOBS DESCENDANTS: Russell and Barbara Jacobs, Los Angeles, Ca.

LEWIS JACOBS DESCENDANTS: Thornton & Betty Jacobs, Roger, Ark.

FRIENDS OF JACOBS FAMILY PRESENT: Sam (Babe) & Isabelle Miller, Holdenville, Ok.; Bettie Reed, Holdenville, Ok.; Mercel Schroder, Muskogee, Ok.

Indian Territorial Maps Reproduced By U.S. Geological Survey

The United States Geological Survey (USGS), has reproduced a map showing the territories of Indian groups before the arrival of Europeans on the North American Continent.

Originally published in a 1972 USGS National Atlas, the map uses 18 colors to represent major native-American linguistic stocks from Florida to the Arctic Circle. Names of major and minor tribes are printed in the center territories they occupied.

The map's author, William Sturtevant, said that the map is accurate only to the degree of anthropological research that has been completed on native-American cultures. "It is not possible," he said, to approximate aboriginal areas of occupancy on a single map of continental scope, as most groups did not occupy sharply defined areas.

The groupings shown, however, are fairly representative of classification found useful by several generations of anthropologists. A bibliography and brief text is printed with the map. Entitled, "Indian Tribes, Cultures and Languages," the map can be purchased for \$2.50 from the USGS offices in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Denver, Salt Lake City, Spokane and Washington, D.C. Mail orders can be sent to the USGS, 1200 South Eads Street, Arlington, VA. 22202 with check or money order made out to the USGS.

National Council Minutes

Invocation: Ben Porter

Call To Order: Kenneth L. Childers

Roll Call: eight members were present, they were as follows: Kenneth L. Childers, Andy Bible, Helen Chupco, Nelson Johnson, Sandy McIntosh, Carney Roberts, Richard Larney, Clarence Cloud. A quorum was declared with eight members present, and all business transacted during this session would be considered valid and would be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

Introduction of Special Guests: Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief, Creek Nation, Buford Rolin and Larry Haikey, Representatives from the Poarch Band of the Eastern Creeks, East of the Mississippi. Chief Cox gave a briefing on the Public Hearing which was held on April 23, 1983, on how things looked to him, and that we had until May 9th to write out any comments that we wanted to, in fact anyone could write in their comments.

Buford Rolin gave a brief introduction of Poarch Band and explained a little about what their tribe was doing, and requesting for resolution of support for Federal Recognition of the Eastern Band of Creeks.

READING OF MINUTES: The minutes of March 26, 1983 were mailed prior to this meeting. **The Chair Entertained a Motion:** A motion was made by Clarence Cloud and seconded by Nelson Johnson to approve the minutes as read. A motion having been read and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. **Motion carried:** the minutes were approved and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

The Speaker advised that a set of minutes for April 13th special minutes were also ready, however they did not appear on the agenda for legislative approval. **The Chair Entertained a Motion:** to place the minutes on the agenda. **Motion:** A motion was made by Larney and seconded by Roberts to place the minutes of the agenda for action under old business. **Roll call vote was taken, results being:** seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. **Motion Carried:** minutes were placed on the agenda under "Old Business".

OLD BUSINESS: "BILLS"

4a. a "Bill" providing for the Disposal of Surplus Tribal Property. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Property acquired by the Muscogee Nation which is subject to federal regulations regarding disposal of property shall be disposed of in accordance with those federal rules and regulations. In so far as is proper under those regulations, the procedures of this ordinance shall be utilized. **Section 102.** All tribal personal property, whether supplies, equipment, farm animals, or other chattels, prior to its disposal or sale, shall be certified by the program supervisor and Governing Board to be surplus to the needs of the program the property is assigned to. The certification shall be initiated by the program supervisor, and shall be approved by the Manager of General Services and shall be approved by the manager of general services administration, the Executive Director and the Principal Chief. **Motion:** A motion was made by Chupco and seconded by Larney to amend this "BILL" with the recommended changes made by Johnson. A motion having been made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. **Motion carried: Amendment was approved as read. The Chair Entertained a Motion To Approve the "BILL" As Amended.** A motion was made by Chupco and seconded by Roberts to approve the "BILL" as read. A motion having been made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. **Motion Carried:** The "BILL" was approved and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Chair advised the Council that the Poarch Band of Eastern Creeks were requesting an Ordinance of support for the Eastern Creeks. The Chair entertained discussion. Discussion having been held the Chair entertained a motion. **Motion:** A motion was made by Larney and seconded by Chupco to draft an Ordinance giving our support to the Eastern Band of Creeks East of the Mississippi. A motion having been made, and seconded and roll call vote being: seven in favor, none against and no abstentions, the motion was carried. The request for an Ordinance to support the Eastern Creeks to be drafted and placed on the May 29, 1983 agenda was approved.

"BILLS" were drafted and presented to the Committees for their consideration, however the Committees did not make any recommendations for placement on the agenda for any item which were presented to the Committees.

QUARTERLY REPORTS:

Gary Breshears, Executive Director gave a brief introduction and explained several contents of the Quarterly Reports Brochures. These reports had been mailed prior to the meeting. He opened the floor for discussion on any topics which were included in the quarterly reports and advised the council that the Directors and managers were present to answer any questions they might have. Discussion having been held on the Quarterly reports the floor was turned over to the Speaker.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

4b. A "BILL" supporting the Adopted Tribal Plan for the Use of Interest earned for tribal judgements received from claims against the United States". The "BILL" was read and considered as follows: The Chair entertained a discussion. Johnson, Chairman for the Committee on Business and Governmental Services gave a brief explanation in regards to the above named "Bill" and recommended that this Bill be placed on today's agenda for legislative action. **The Chair Entertained a Motion:** A motion was made by Larney and seconded by Chupco to place this item on the agenda for consideration. A motion having been made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. **Motion carried:**

The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. The National Council finds that: A) On January 30, 1982, the National Council adopted Tribal Ordinance NCA 82-11, "Approving the Principal Chief's Plan to program Tribal Judgement Funds". B) On February 2, 1983, the Principal Chief approved NCA 82-11 making it an ordinance under the Tribal Constitution. C) On April 23, 1983, the U.S. Department of Interior held a public hearing on the adopted tribal plan, and during that hearing: 1) No Muscogee (Creek) citizen requested that the funds be distributed on a per capita basis. 2) Several Muscogee (Creek) citizens believed that the plan should be altered in some respects; however, the provisions of the plan provided for replanning of the interest expenditures every three years. 3) The general concept of having a tribal plan, expending the interest on tribal needs, was endorsed by almost every Muscogee (Creek) citizen who testified. The Chair entertained a discussion. Johnson recommended that Section 102 be added to this "BILL" as follows: **Section 102.** The Muscogee Nation therefore repeats its support of the plan adopted as NCA 82-11 for the following reasons: A) The Muscogee Nation must be united in its efforts to become and remain self-sufficient. Our failure to work unitedly could result in social suicide for our tribe. B) The evolution of self-determination and the development of capable leadership are the key to the survival of our Nation. C) The plan as adopted will provide a process for tribal decisions to achieve these goals, providing a perpetual endowment for the purpose of self-government of, by and for the Muscogee people. **The**

Chair entertained a motion: A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Larney to approve the amendment as read. A motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. **Motion carried.** The Chair entertained a motion to adopt the "BILL" as read. A motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Larney to approve the "BILL" as read. A roll call vote was taken with the results being: seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. **Motion Carried:** The BILL was approved as read and was entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Planning Session date was set for May 18, 1983, 6:30 P.M. at the Creek Capitol Complex located in the Mound Building.

Announcements: none

Adjournment: Unanimous vote of approval

Benediction: Helen Chupco.

The Importance Of Enrollment

Presented By
Kenneth L. Childers, Speaker
Muscogee (Creek) National Council

One question which is on the minds of many Muscogee people is, "Why is enrollment important, and what are the benefits of enrollment?" Enrollment as a citizen of this tribal government is a foundation for benefits which will affect the future generations of this tribe.

First, enrollment entitles you to all the benefits granted to citizens under any tribal ordinance. The National Council's ordinances cannot discriminate among classes of citizen's--the 1979 Constitution requires that all citizens be treated equally under tribal law. Tribal ordinances will, from now on, apply to two classes of individuals: enrolled members, and other persons. If you are not enrolled, you might be legally treated as though you were not a member of the tribe.

Second, enrollment entitles you to register to vote in tribal elections if you are eighteen or older. Our representative government requires the participation of our tribal members in voting for elected officials. Only enrolled members may vote. Your chance as a Creek Indian to have a say in who represents you is through voting for officers and representatives.

Third, enrollment establishes your affiliation with a federally recognized Indian tribal government. Under some federal regulations and some federal court decisions, you are not legally an Indian unless you are an enrolled member of a recognized tribe. Failure to enroll can deprive you of eligibility for special services for Indian people. Failure to enroll can also limit your rights as an Indian to special rights, such as the right to hunt and fish, the right under federal law to use certain feathers for religious purposes, and similar rights.

Fourth, enrollment establishes your eligibility for tribally funded services. The National Council has agreed several times that services funded by tribal income will be limited to enrolled members; we have no right as a National Council to spend tribal funds on non-members.

Enrollment is not just another run-around, not just another time someone wants to see if you can prove you are an Indian. The issues are much more complicated than that. Enrollment is a declaration of political affiliation, a statement to the United States that you consider yourself a citizen of a separate government, your Muscogee Tribal Government.

Think of the struggles our ancestors suffered to guarantee a future for us. Our forefathers moved half-way across this continent to insure that their descendants would always have a permanent tribal homeland. It is up to us to defend, even now, the rights which they acquired in our behalf at so dear a cost. We cannot forget that thousands of Muscogee people gave their lives that we might continue to live as a Nation.

If you have not enrolled, contact the Citizenship Board today. If any members of your family, or any Muscogee friends or neighbors, have not yet enrolled, try to help them and encourage them that it is the right thing to do, the best way to take pride in their heritage, culture and history.

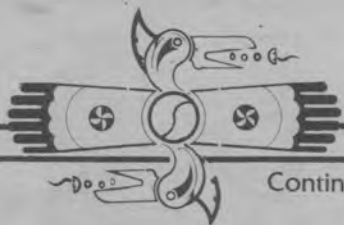
We are tired of being treated as a minority within the treaty lands we were assigned. Only a strong, effective tribal government can begin the struggle to return control of our reservation to the tribe and its members. Effective tribal government requires your participation as an enrolled member, a voter, a candidate, an officer, or even as an observer at tribal meetings. This tribe and its officers depend on you, and on your support.

Helen Chupco Appointed To Legal Services

Helen L. Chupco, Creek Nation, Council Representative for the Muskogee District was recently appointed to the 15 member Board of Directors for the Oklahoma Indian Legal Services. Ms. Chupco represents the Five-Civilized Tribes Inter-Tribal Council on the board.

Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, Inc. is a non-profit organization providing services to low-income Native Americans by direct representation on status related issues of significance; and provides legal assistance and support. The office is located at 3033 North Walnut, Suite 103 W. Oklahoma City, Ok. The Executive Director is Vincent Knight. The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on July 9 at the Comanche Tribal Complex, Lawton.

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Chief Cox Will File For Fourth Term

By Helen Chalakee

In an interview with Creek Principal Chief Cox at this farm near Bristow about the upcoming tribal election in October, Chief stated his intentions of filing for the Chief's position for a fourth term.

Even though Chief and his wife Lilly were on a tight schedule getting their hay cut and baled, he was eager to talk about running for re-election. "There has been no doubt in my mind about the next four years for Creek Nation. Over the past decade since I have been Chief, I have seen visual evidence of what can be done with hard work and cooperation between tribal government and tribal members," Chief said.

He explained, "You don't take one project at a time and wait to complete it, you use every possible resource by taking advantage of that resource at the opportune time." He added, "There have been times when I have negotiated and initiated several projects on a single trip to D.C. You cannot hold back with those federal people. It is imperative, that the Chief, as a spokesman for the tribe, is always a jump ahead--thinking about the future even before a present negotiation has ended."

"Take for instance now, I have been pursuing over a half million dollars in additional funding for the health programs, we are on the brink of getting that funding but if I don't stay in there every day it could easily be appropriated to some other tribe. The Creeks are going to get their share. I'll see to that. I've been dealing with the federal government on behalf of the Creeks for over 12 years now as Chief, and over those years I have learned how to deal with them for our benefit. There is a lot more to it than writing a letter saying we need this or we need that."

"We have good established programs now. . .but, they can be bigger and better, and they will be if left in the course of action the current tribal administration is taking," Chief said. "It scares me to think of what could happen if someone failed on their part of representing Creek Nation. All could be lost within a year's time. However, I feel secure in my relations with the Creek people, the tribal government, the public and the U.S. government," Chief added.

Before Chief left for his waiting tractor, he told of his confidence in being Chief stemmed from the

people. . .that lately, in fact almost every day, someone has come to him and offered their support for his re-election.

Later in the day at his home in Okmulgee, Chief Cox was more inclined to talk about tribal stability being the foundation of the Creek tribe. He said now with all the programs running smoothly and actual services being performed for the people, more emphasis can be put on another aspect of his responsibility as Chief. That being the reinstatement of tribal independence through economic ventures which will eventually lead to complete independence of Creek Nation.

"The Creek Nation land base is probably one of the most important factors leading toward tribal independence," he said. "Land holdings are a 'way and means' that is forever. What direction is taken with this 'way and means' is critical. By letting the land set and go to waste or by selling it would bring nothing to the tribe. . .but through proper development, Creek Nation has opened a door forever for continued reimbursement to the tribe," Chief said.

When you are visiting in Chief's home, you cannot overlook the simplicity of his home life; in that simplicity you can feel the down-to-earth qualities that has become a trademark with Chief Cox. Chief's closing remark was: "As I said earlier, the people have voiced their opinion as to what they want. I have listened and will continue to listen throughout my years as Principal Chief."

I.H.S. Awards C.N. Grant To Conduct EMT Training

Chief Cox received notice Friday from Indian Health Service that Creek Nation has been awarded a \$144,033 grant to conduct an Emergency Medical Training Program.

The program will involve classroom and on-the-job training at Creek Nation Community Hospital for seven Emergency Medical Technicians. They will be trained in the areas of providing transportation services for patients to and from medical facilities, C.P.R. and radio communications with other state and local emergency services. After the program is completed, Creek Nation Hospital will utilize the service technicians.



Dr. Don Bowen, Chief Cox and I.H.S. Director Everett Rhoades face the early morning Gallup sunshine after talks for Creek Nation health care appropriations.

Chief Cox Meets With I.H.S. Director Rhoades

By Helen Chalakee

GALLUP, N.M.--Chief Cox recently went to Gallup, N.M. on a two-fold mission. While attending the 12th Annual Association of American Indian Physicians (A.A.I.P.) Conference, he also met with Dr. Everett Rhoades, Director of Indian Health Service, Washington, D.C.

Dr. Rhoades and Chief Cox discussed I.H.S. appropriations for the Creek Nation Community Hospital and the Creek Nation Health Programs. In the meeting, Chief Cox told Rhoades how essential good relations with, and support from I.H.S. on a national, regional and area level was to Creek Nation for the tribe to be able to continue superior health service to the Creek people.

Rhoades assured Chief Cox when he returned to Washington he would be taking every consideration in making decisions about equity care and supplemental funding. Chief Cox hopes these decisions will also include increased speciality care funding for the tribe's program. A follow-up meeting is expected within the next two weeks with Rhoades when Chief Cox plans to go to Washington for further negotiation.

Rhoades, a founding member of A.A.I.P., was guest speaker at the A.A.I.P. banquet held at Red Rock State Park a few miles outside Gallup. Approximately 300 conference attendees listened as Rhoades quoted

a parable of the physician's job as being simply, "To cure sometime; to treat often; and to comfort always". In nearing the end of Rhoades' talk, he commented on the need to decrease premature deaths and excess morbidity among Indians. He stated "The quality of life is a question of health".

This year's conference was aimed at exchanging and disseminating information of current health issues affecting Indian youth. Workshops on specific issues were conducted through the conference.

Dr. Don Bowen, Chief of Staff at Creek Nation Community Hospital, is the incoming president of A.A.I.P. Bowen has worked with the organization since he was a medical student. Last year Bowen was instrumental in Creek Nation hosting the conference in Okmulgee. Bowen expects the coming year to be a very busy one for him as president of A.A.I.P., while at the same time continuing his strive for the Creek Nation Hospital to excel in service.

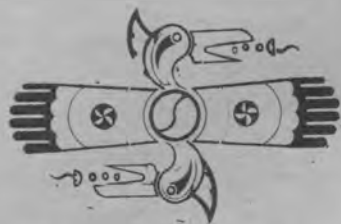
While in Gallup, the Creek Nation delegation toured the Gallup I.H.S. hospital. Hosted by Dr. Joe Jacobs, recently completing a three year I.H.S. scholarship obligation at the facility, the delegation was told the 138 bed hospital ran on an annual budget of \$14 million and treated 12,800 outpatients annually.

After touring the hospital, Chief Cox (See CHIEF, Page 2 . . .)

Creek Nation Head Start Enrolling For 1983-84

Creek Nation Head Start Program is still taking enrollment for 1983-84 school year. Please bring child's immunization record, birth certificate, CDIB and proof of income. We do provide special services for handicapped children. We serve children ages 3-5.

Head Start Center located in Yeager and Eufaula will begin classes August 29. For additional information contact: Janet Lee, Creek Nation Complex, 756-8700 ext. 337, Raylene Stafford, Eufaula Center 689-5613, or Jane McKane, Yeager Center 405-379-6693.



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visited the Navajo Tribal Headquarters in Window Rock, AZ. During the conference, Chief Cox visited briefly with the Navajo Vice-Tribal Chairman Ed Begay.

Chief Cox, Dr. Bowen and Creek Nation Community Health Services Director, Mark Downing commented they were enthusiastic about the meetings and negotiations while in Gallup. In retrospect, Chief Cox stated, "I believe our Creek hospital and Creek Nation health programs can be compared to any across the nation as number one. He went on to explain, "Although the road has sometimes been rough in obtaining support and funding, we have always managed to keep our service level at the highest of standards. Each step we take with the health programs is progressive, to the point of now having established credibility which cannot and must not be denied by anyone."

Smith Family Reunion Scheduled at Middle Creek

The Bill and George Smith Family will hold a family reunion on September 3rd, at the Middle Creek Baptist Church, south of Dustin. The reunion will begin at 9:00 a.m. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish. For more information contact: Diane Grayson, 918-696-6996 or write 313 W. Chestnut, Stilwell, Ok. 74960.

Cinda Hill Reunion Scheduled September 5, Henryetta

Friends and family are invited to attend the Second Annual Cinda Hill Reunion to be held at Nichols Park, Henryetta, on September 5. Lunch will be held at 12 noon. Bring a covered dish. Fellowship and games.

For more information call Arlene Efurd (918) 267-4734.

SOFTBALL TOURNEY AUGUST 12-14, EUFAULA

A Men's Open Fastpitch Tournament will be held August 12, 13, and 14th at Eufaula. Entry fee is \$60 and deadline is August 10.

A Women's Slowpitch Tournament will be held August 12, 13, and 14th at Eufaula. \$50 entry fee. For more information contact: Sonny Barnett, 689-7595, Eufaula.

CO-ED SOFTBALL TOURNEY SCHEDULED AT COMPLEX

An open, coed, Slow-Pitch Tournament will be held August 19, 20, 21 at the Complex. The tournament will have a 15-player team roster (16 team limit) for ages 14 and under. The entry fee is \$30.

First, Second and Third Place trophies will be awarded, as well as individual trophies given. A Sportsmanship trophy will also be given. The deadline for sign-up is August 15.

For further information, contact Steve Wilson at (918) 756-8700 (work) or (918) 756-3510 (home telephone).



Dave Bible Celebrates 80th Birthday at Coweta

Mr. Dave Bible celebrated his 80th birthday on July 16. A fish fry was held in his honor at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lucille Miller, Coweta.

Helping Mr. Bible celebrate was a host of friends and family. Among the guests were Chief Claude Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck McHenry, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Record, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cooper. Mr. Bible's children: Kathryn Jones, Tulsa; Lucille Miller, Coweta; Shirley Thomas, Okmulgee; David and Robert Bible, Tulsa, a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Well wishes, gifts, hugs and kisses were bestowed on Mr. Bible at this festive gathering.

TO MUSCOKEE NATION NEWS:

I thought I'd write this letter because I feel my husband deserves a section in your little newspaper. His name is Melvin L. Wacoche. He is a full blood Creek and was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. He is the son of James Melvin and Lena Wacoche of Porum, Oklahoma. He is attending O.S.T. majoring in Diesel and Heavy Equipment Mechanics. He will graduate September 1983. He really puts a lot of effort towards his education and I, his wife, am really proud of him. With all the homework he has, he finds time for his two sons, William, two, and Jesse, six months. We all love him very much!

THANK YOU!

Muskokee Nation News:

I'm writing to you about the word "Muscogee". Anyone who talks Creek language knows that it is misspelled. Somewhere down the years it was changed. When you pronounce the word it would be this in phonics "Mus-joe-gee". But it should be spelled "Muskokee". This is the way it was spelled many years ago. We don't have "g" in our language. "Co" is pronounced as "jo" and in "gee" it would be as "gee" in English because there is no word or alphabet in Creek. Has some one ever thought about changing it back to the original spelling word "Muskokee". You might put this in the paper so someone might want to consider or you might explain it. I had this in mind several years but no one has mentioned this. Thank You.

Sincerely,
Ben Marshall
Eufaula

Dear Lou Cloud, Creek Nation Rodeo Association,

I want to thank everyone for the Pepsi Cooler, the Pepsi T-Shirt, and the Pepsi's, at the All-Indian Rodeo at Henryetta.

It makes me try harder when I have prizes to win. I appreciate you all for donating the prizes, keep it up.

A Barrel Racer,
Chay Nicholas

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Watermelon Jubilee Scheduled For Hanna

The Hanna Watermelon Jubilee is scheduled for August 12-14. Friday evening will begin with gospel singing at 7:30 p.m. til midnight. Singers are still needed and mixed groups are welcome. Each group will receive free gas for one car.

A Kiddie Parade will kick-off Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Children ages 1-12 are encouraged to bring pets, bikes, trikes, etc. for the parade. 1st Prize - \$10, 2nd prize - \$5 and 3rd Prize \$2.50. Saturday afternoon the Little Olympics will pay-off in cash for the youngsters also.

An open softball tournament will start Friday and continue throughout the week-end. A \$65 entry fee is required to enter the tourney held at the school grounds with individual and team trophies to be given away.

At 8 a.m. Saturday, the Eastern Oklahoma Cutting Horse Association Show will begin. Saturday afternoon offers a watermelon judging contest on Main Street. At 1 p.m. State Representative Mike Synar will be on hand along with KVOO's famous early morning pair, Jack Fox and Otto Dunn who will be there at 5 p.m. Winding the activities down, there will be a Free Watermelon. Feed for everyone and square dancing with Otto Dunn.

Everyone is welcome to set up free of charge, at the Arts and Crafts display with judging conducted by Polly Everett, Patty Pipkins and Rheba Williams.

Pony rides will be available all week-end for 50¢ a ride at the school grounds. For more information contact Maxie Hammontree or Susan Hopkins at 657-2258 or 2561 or 2564.

Navajo Times Will Publish Only Indian Daily Newspaper

The Navajo Times, planning to become a daily paper this fall, will publish on a daily schedule for four days in July--the 19th through the 22nd. Now a weekly, the paper is expected to become the only Indian daily. The issues of the four-day prototype period will be used for promotion purposes.



Brenda Thrower Receives "Tribes" Scholarship

Brenda Joyce Thrower, Creek, daughter of David and Stella Thrower of Bartlesville, is currently attending Colorado College at Colorado Springs through a recently awarded scholarship from "Tribes"-Tribal Resource Institute in Business Engineering and Science. This program is designed to strengthen Indian students skills in Science and Mathematics. Under this program, the students are also assisted in academic skills and are introduced to careers in the field of Engineering, Business and Science.

Brenda, a 1983 graduate of Bartlesville High School, is a member of the National Honor Society and a Commended National Merit Student. She is also a member of the National Forensic Society and has been an active member of Operation Eagle during her high school years. Other awards Brenda has won include; the Esther Carlton Literature Award, the AAUW Scholarship and the Tulane Essay Contest award.

While a student at Bartlesville High, Brenda participated in Speech Club for which she served as President. She has also won several speech contests and placed twice in regional Speech tournaments.

Brenda is presently, the reigning "Miss Bartlesville Junior Miss".

Brenda has served as religious education teacher at St. John's Catholic Church and she has been an active participant in the Bartlesville Red Cross Blood Bank.

Brenda's grandparents were V.J. and Annie Watson Stockton of the Okemah and Mason communities where they resided for many years.

Brenda will attend Tulane University in New Orleans beginning with the fall term.

Creek Enrollment

Persons needing applications and instructions for enrolling as Creek citizens may request them by writing:

CREEK NATION
CITIZENSHIP BOARD
P.O. BOX 580
OKMULGEE, OK 74447

or by calling:
CITIZENSHIP BOARD OFFICE
918/756-8700

Wise Receives Hall of Fame Award

Toby Wise, a sophomore pre-med student at OSU was one of two recipients of the Hall of Fame Award, the highest honor the Oklahoma 4-H program can bestow upon one of its members.

The award was presented to Wise, 19, and to Dana Jean Bock, 19, during Honor Night ceremonies at the 62nd Annual 4-H Round-up held at OSU May 24-27.

The award is given annually to a 4-H member who has demonstrated excellence in development in club work, community involvement and in their personal lives.

Starting the "Vile of Life" program in



Charles Burris Receives Special Scholarship

Charles Burris, Sapulpa High School graduate, was among 20 incoming Oklahoma University freshmen to receive the University's first Special Minority Scholarships.

Selection for the scholarship is based on the candidates leadership abilities, American College Testing score, class rank and grade point average.

The recipients of the 1983-84 special scholarship will receive \$600 scholarships, be involved in leadership programs, meet with various leaders on campus and participate in college recruiting activities.

Burris, Creek, is also the recipient of the Creek County Extension Homemaker Scholarship. A member of the 1983 graduating class at Sapulpa High, Burris was a member of the school band and served as drum major for three years. He will attend the University of Oklahoma this fall.

High school seniors who are interested in applying for the next scholarship, may contact their high school counselor or call toll free; Jordan Hollingsworth, 407 W. Boyd St. Norman, Oklahoma 73069.1-800-522-4606. Deadline is March 1, 1984.

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LeFlore County in 1979, Wise expanded the program to the entire southeast district and then statewide. The "Vial of Life" program is vital medical information stored in a vial in one's refrigerator at home. Because of this innovative and valuable program, Wise has shared his concept with other 4-H clubs in 49 states and has seen many clubs adopt the program.

In his 4-H involvement, Wise has been a delegate to the National 4-H Conference, Citizenship, Washington Focus and Oklahoma Boy's State. He has served twice as a state 4-H officer, as well as serving as the Vice-President of the Southeast District. He has also served this past year as the President of the Oklahoma State 4-H program.

Demonstrating leadership skills throughout the eight years (since 1978), that he has been involved in the LeFlore County 4-H program, Wise was the first male 4-H volunteer worker at a local hospital and the first male to be a health winner in the state record book competition that year.

Currently Wise is a counselor at Headlands, an organization for medically career-minded students, located in Mackinaw City, Michigan.

Wise, Creek, is the son of Richard and Marge Wise of Talihina.



Robert Coffey, goalie for the Sapulpa Roughnecks soccer team, was praised by his coaches for his contribution in the team's success.

Robert Coffey Praised By Sapulpa Soccer Coaches

Robert Coffey, 12, goalie for the Sapulpa Roughnecks soccer team, played a major part in the team's success this past season, and was praised by his coaches for his efforts.

The Roughnecks (under 12 boys division) ended their winning season with a 9-1-1 record - then went on to win the league championship with an 8-0-1 record.

Robert, Creek, and an honor student, will be in the seventh grade at the Sapulpa Middle School this fall.

Robert is the son of the late Jeannie Coffey and grandson of Phillip and Helen Coon of Sapulpa.

CASTLE INDIAN COMMUNITY NEWS

by Christine Henneha

Castle had their once-a-month meeting on July 7 at the original Osborn Center on Hwy 48, south of Castle.

Melissa Harjo Tiger, 78 yr-old Senior Citizen still living in the Castle area, was blessed with the arrival of fifth generation great-great-grandbabies, who are the twin babies of her great-granddaughter Bridgett (Beaver) Roberts. The parents are Amos and Bridgett Roberts. Number one twin girl was born at 11:58 p.m. before midnight on July 1. The second twin girl was born 16 minutes later at 12:14 a.m. after midnight on July 2, 1983, at Claremore Indian Hospital. They have been named Sonya Rae and Sonja Renee Roberts. The maternal grandmother is Earnestine Henneha of Okemah. The Maternal grandfather is Tom Beaver of Ada. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harley Roberts of Okemah.

The twin babies shower was given to them on Sunday, July 10, 1983 at the home of Earnestine Henneha. Those attending were; Melissa Tiger, Christine Henneha, Patricia Henneha and her three children, Jr. and Lucy Tiger, Leonard and Serena Henneha and child, Jean Osborn. Those sending gifts but who couldn't attend were; Clarence and Sally Tiger and their children. Also Sophia Taryole, Lena Tiger and Lucy Mae Tiger, Wanda Beaver and children, Earnestine Johnson, Bertha Sands and Arlinda Wortham, and Mr. and Mrs. Harley Roberts.

Fishpond will have their Green Corn Dance on July 22 and 23, 1983. Dave Wind is chief.

A birthday dinner was given to Vanessa Henneha at Bowlegs on July 14, 1983. Vanessa was three years old. A July 6 birthday was given to Ada Littlecreek by her parents Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Littlecreek. Ada was two years old.

Happy Birthday to all July birthdays, in and around Castle area.

DEATHS

YOMAN DAVIS

Funeral services for Yoman Davis, 83, were conducted August 4, at the Free Will Baptist Church in Hanna. Rev. Roley Haynes officiated the service.

Interment was in the Hanna Cemetery under the direction of Shurden Funeral Home.

Mr. Davis died July 31 at his home in Hanna. He was born May 18, 1900 and was a member of Hillabee Indian Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Sister Davis of the home, and one son, Billy Davis of Tulsa.



Creek Nation Elderly Housing Provides a Safe, Comfortable Community for Residents

By Kathryn Bell

The Creek Nation Elderly Housing Project, completed in 1980, provides a comfortable and secure way of life for its 100 residents.

Now at full occupancy, the low-income project has 100 one-bedroom units available for those who are 62 and over and for the physically disabled or handicapped under 62. There are eight apartments that have been designed for those with physical limitations.

The Project, designed to be compatible with the lifestyle of the elderly, has available a post office, laundry, community building for recreational activities, and in addition, has on the grounds, a small grocery. A recreational courtyard is utilized by the residents, as well as a garden space, from which a bounty of harvest is also shared among the Project residents. "Those that are able to work in the garden, do so, and then they share the produce with each other," said Ann Gordon, Resident Manager of the Project.

The most recent addition to the Project neighborhood is the 2,374 sq.ft. Indian Community Center, which was dedicated this past March.

Fostering the concept of a safe environment for the elderly to live in, a

security guard is on duty to patrol the premises during the night. Reinforcing this concept, a "Buddy System" was initiated into the design of the units whereby a switch installed in each apartment can be triggered by the resident, with a buzzer sounding in the next apartment. This system is an important feature to the resident's sense of security, explained Manager Gordon, because it allows them to alert their neighbor and security if they are in a situation demanding prompt attention.

The Indian residents not only utilize the services available at the Complex (which is located across the street); dining at the Elderly Nutrition lunchroom, and having accessibility to the CN Community Health program (CHR'S), but also are eligible for the Okmulgee County Elderly Transportation.

In addition, the Creek Nation Elderly Nutrition program delivers hot meals to the disabled at the Elderly Housing Project.

The Project has improved the quality of life for the Creek elderly, feels Gordon. "We would like to see an expansion of the Project to accommodate more Indian elderly," she added.

"The Project has improved the quality of life for the elderly..."



Early morning greetings are exchanged between Ann Gordon, Manager of the Creek Nation Elderly Housing Project, and Creek resident, Stanley Smith, as he picks up his mail at the project post office.



Evelyn Parker, Creek Nation CHR, prepares to do a routine blood pressure check on two Elderly Housing Project residents; Virginia Thomas, left, and Martha McCombs, right.

Creek Residents of Elderly Housing Enjoy Independent Lifestyle

By Kathryn Bell

Keeping one's independence is a critical factor in the quality of life at the Creek Elderly Housing Project, cited its residents.

Mrs. Virginia Thomas, who has lived at the Project for one and a half years, and who has taken an informal survey among the residents, voiced the sentiments of the Indian residents; "We appreciate the conveniences here within this centralized community. We are able to have our own independence here - it's our home."

"I have never seen an Indian yet who would put out their old..."

She noted the conveniences of a worry-free lifestyle at the Project - "We have communication services, round-the-clock security, nutrition programs, hot lunches, and health services..." and she emphasized "a safe postal service." Mrs. Thomas also listed as conveniences for the residents, an adaptive recreation program, and architectural features of the project apartments such as private patios, parking spaces and easy-access inclined doorways (instead of steps).

"We don't have the responsibility for homemaking and the yard care is reduced so much that we don't have to deal with that," said Mrs. Thomas. She also lauded the management for their diligent awareness of, and their attention to the residents needs; "The management is attentive to the needs of each resident. They keep in communication with the resident's family and if they need help, their families are contacted."

Overall, Mrs. Thomas feels that the concept and implementation of the Creek Elderly Housing Project is in keeping with tribal traditions of concern for the welfare of the people - "I have never seen an Indian yet who would put out their old."

Mrs. Thomas, Creek, is a retired public school teacher and she has and continues to be supportive of her people and their traditions; "I have always been active in our traditions and have taught Indian ways 'ringside'. I believe in everything they do," she said emphatically. However Mrs. Thomas has had to limit her activities somewhat due to doctors orders concerning her heart condition. "The doctor told me to stay out of Indian politics," she chuckled.

Mrs. Thomas has served on the 1979 Creek Constitution Committee and was a part of the formulation of the new constitution "from start to finish" she quipped.

Born in Talpoosa, Alabama, Mrs. Thomas, widowed with one grown son, was raised in Okfuskee County where her family were cattle ranchers.

"...We have our privacy and we do take care of one another."

Resident Martha McCombs, who took an early retirement from Phillips Petroleum to live at the project, also enjoys the comfortable lifestyle there; "I enjoy living here, it's pleasant, comfortable and safe. Of course we do have some limitations, but we have our privacy and we do take care of one another." Ms. McCombs remarked that she feels fortunate that she is able to reside within the Creek Nations area, particularly near her home territory of Eufaula.

Tony Mitchell

Involved With Creek Elderly Project

by Kathryn Bell

Tony Mitchell, Creek/Seminole, officially does the maintenance duties at the Creek Nation Elderly Housing Project, but unofficially, is a purposeful advocate for the elderly residents of the project.

Among the activities he has organized is a recent pool tournament in which nineteen residents participated. Three trophies were awarded to Pearl Hensen, Ann Gordon, and Nancy Palmer for First, Second and Third place, respectively. "The tournament gave the residents something to do - it was just good recreation," said Mitchell, who hopes the tournament will become a yearly event.

Mitchell organized the tournament and made all of the arrangements, as well as acquiring the equipment and getting the trophies donated.

Working with the maintenance department at the project for two

years, Mitchell has become a familiar and friendly face to the residents. "Tony is always planning different things for the residents to do - he's a real help here," said Resident Manager Ann Gordon.

Assisting with Elderly Project activities is Melvin Fields who heads the group activities department.

Besides his interest in the welfare of the project residents, Mitchell is active in tribal affairs - he is the Second Chief of Peach Ground tribal town and serves as the appointed tribal representative to the five-member school board of Jones Academy. This role is important to Mitchell because student recruitment to the Academy is an area of need to Mitchell and therefore is of prime concern to him. Mitchell is always eager to tell what accomplishments the Creek students there have made - all spoken of with obvious pride.



and his son . . .

Tony Mitchell

Creek Artist Draws Upon Imagination for Inspiration

By Kathryn Bell

Young Creek artist Tony Mitchell, 18, has not only found artistic expression in the roots of his heritage in traditional Indian art - but is also exploring new areas of conveying his skills, particularly in fantasy art, which the soft-spoken artist finds "fascinating." Trolls, goblins, and other nightmarish characters are rendered with skill on his canvas in pen, pencil and markers.

Among the awards he has won with his art are; Eastern Oklahoma College Art Show honors, Sequoyah High School Art Show awards, and he has won his school Art Pin numerous times. Mitchell's paintings and drawings are also on display at businesses in the Hartshorne - McAlester area.

Mitchell said his inspiration for fantasy art came after reading JRR Tolkien books (The Lord of Rings etc.) with their imaginative and fantastic illustrations by the Brothers Hilderbrand. Also influencing him was the art of Frank Frazetta, popular fantasy artist.

Indian artists who have influenced Mitchell's style are

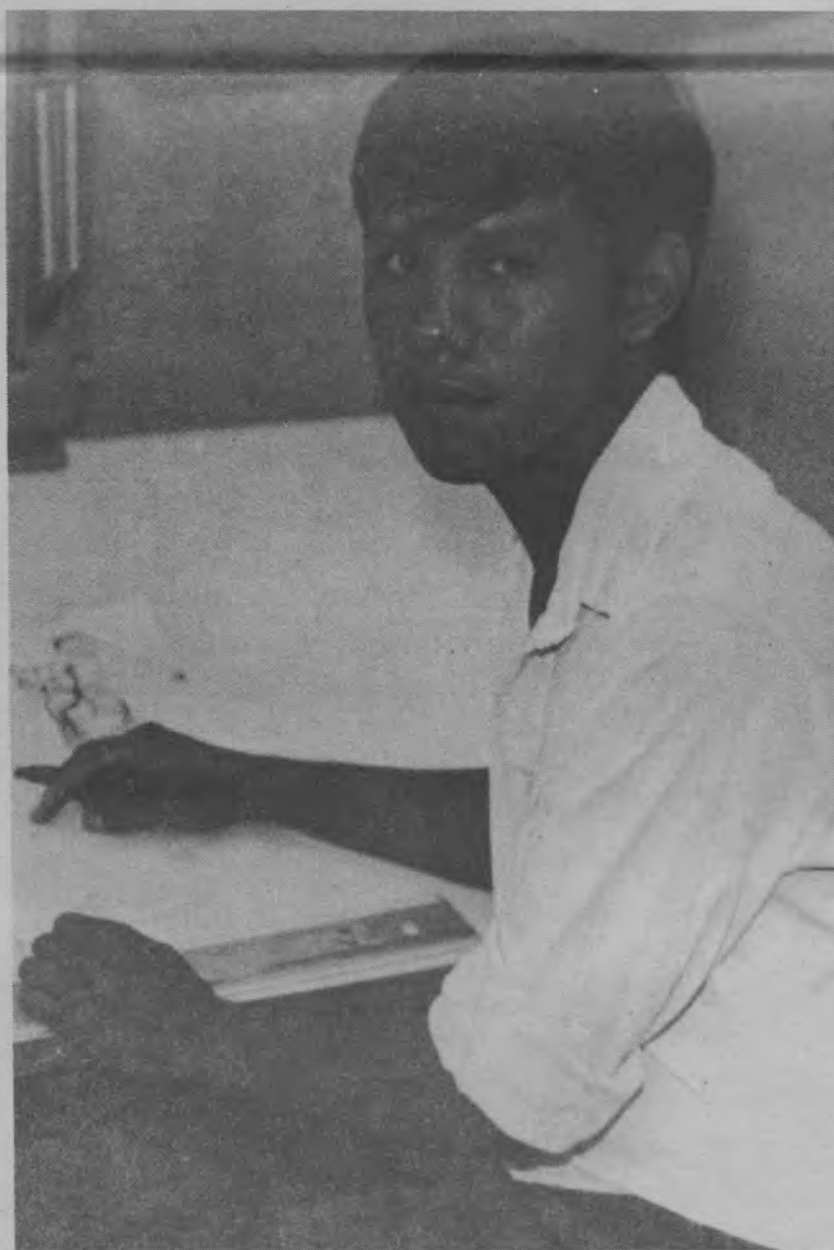
Jerome Tiger and Kelly Haney.

Mitchell's love of art started early. He recalled as a child when he would draw while his mother did beadwork. "Mom was artistic and she would always have me to draw while she beaded. My Dad also encourages me in my art."

Mitchell's immediate plans are to attend Bacone College this fall and his long-range ultimate goal is to be a Walt Disney Studio animator. In between these goals he would like to try his hand at cartooning and advertising design.

Writing is another form of artistic achievement that the prolific artist is exploring. Currently he is writing and illustrating a book on one of his objects of fascination - trolls. "It's just now coming together and it is a great experiment in writing," he said.

Tony's advice to other aspiring artists - "It takes paper, pencil, imagination and lots of hard work." Obviously he has come up with a winning combination. Keep it up, Tony - we hope to hear good things about your art career in the future.



Creek Sports Omniplex Plans Are Underway

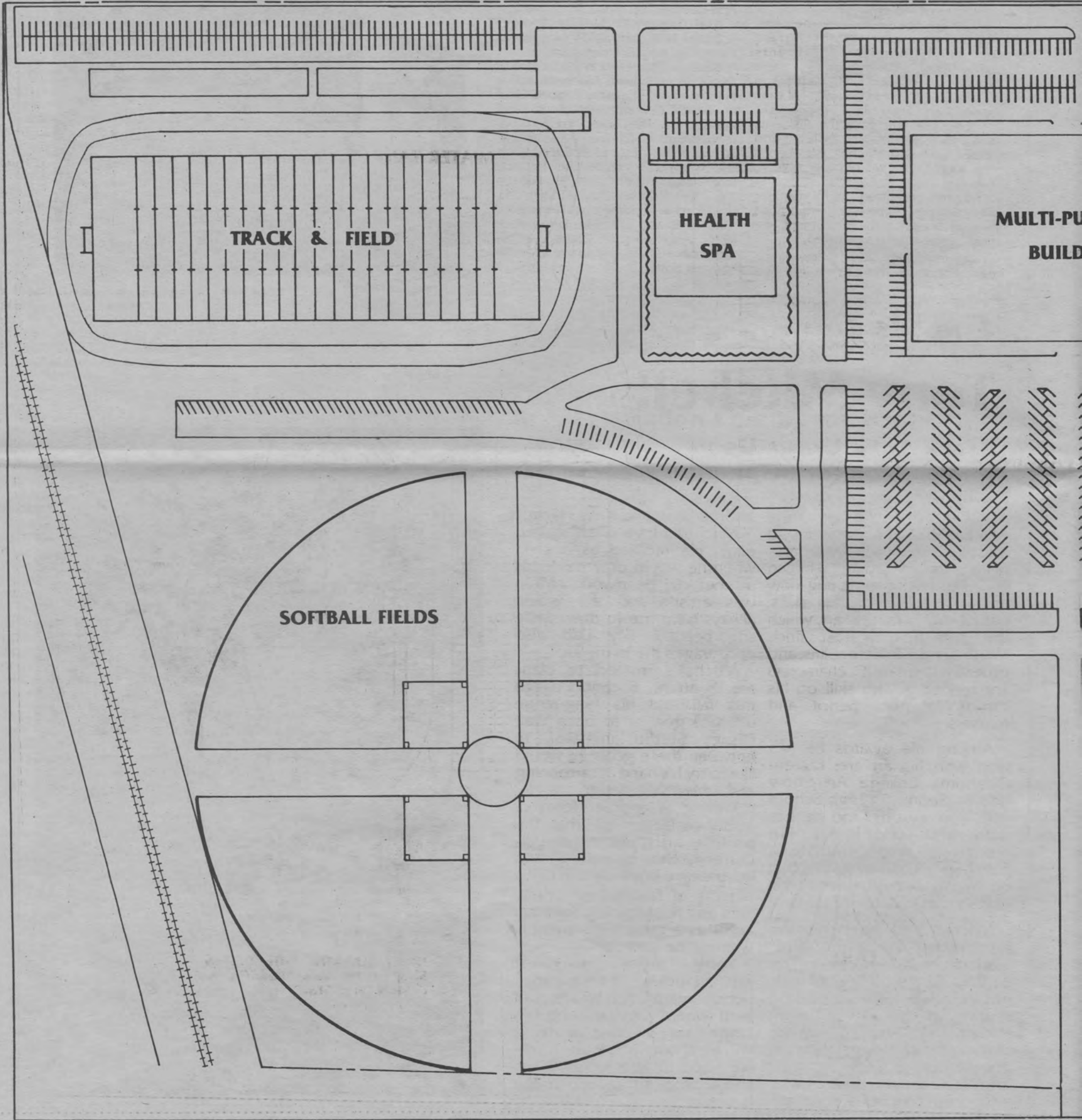
By Kathryn Bell

A 2.2 million dollar sports complex is currently in the planning stages for development by Creek Nation. The location chosen for the Omniplex is one quarter mile west of the Tribal Complex across highway 75 on the north side of Highway 56, on a 47 acre tract of land owned by the tribe.

The Creek Nation Sports and Recreation Omniplex is in Phase I (Planning and Seeking Financial Assessment) of the operation. The completion date, according to Bill Fife, Director for the Division of Tribal Affairs, is tentative - "Once we secure funding we expect to have the Omniplex in operation in 12 months."

The purpose of the Omniplex, explained Fife, is to provide year-round entertainment and recreational activities to tribal members and to the general public within Creek Nation. "However, our primary purpose is to allow the tribe to hold it's Festival and Rodeo in one location. This was one of the main ideas in developing the

site,"he said. The project will also generate revenue for the tribe, employ tribal members, assist the development of Indian economy within Creek Nation and provide organized recreational activities in one central location. Current progress on the Omniplex include; purchase of construction



materials for the outside of the Rodeo arena, purchase of the fencing material for the perimeter of the site and material is on hand for construction of the softball complex. Excavation of the site has also been done. Construction has also begun on a small pond (reservoir) which will control the drainage of water off of the site and the surrounding properties.

Fife stated that the Economic Development grant application had

been submitted to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the sum of \$500,000 or one-fourth of the total project cost. In addition, other potential fund sources have been identified; commercial bank loans, tribal economic development monies which are programmed for economic development purposes, and sale of tribal bonds.

"Feasibility studies on each operation of the project have been

completed and reflect positive outcomes as far as monetary concerns," noted Fife.

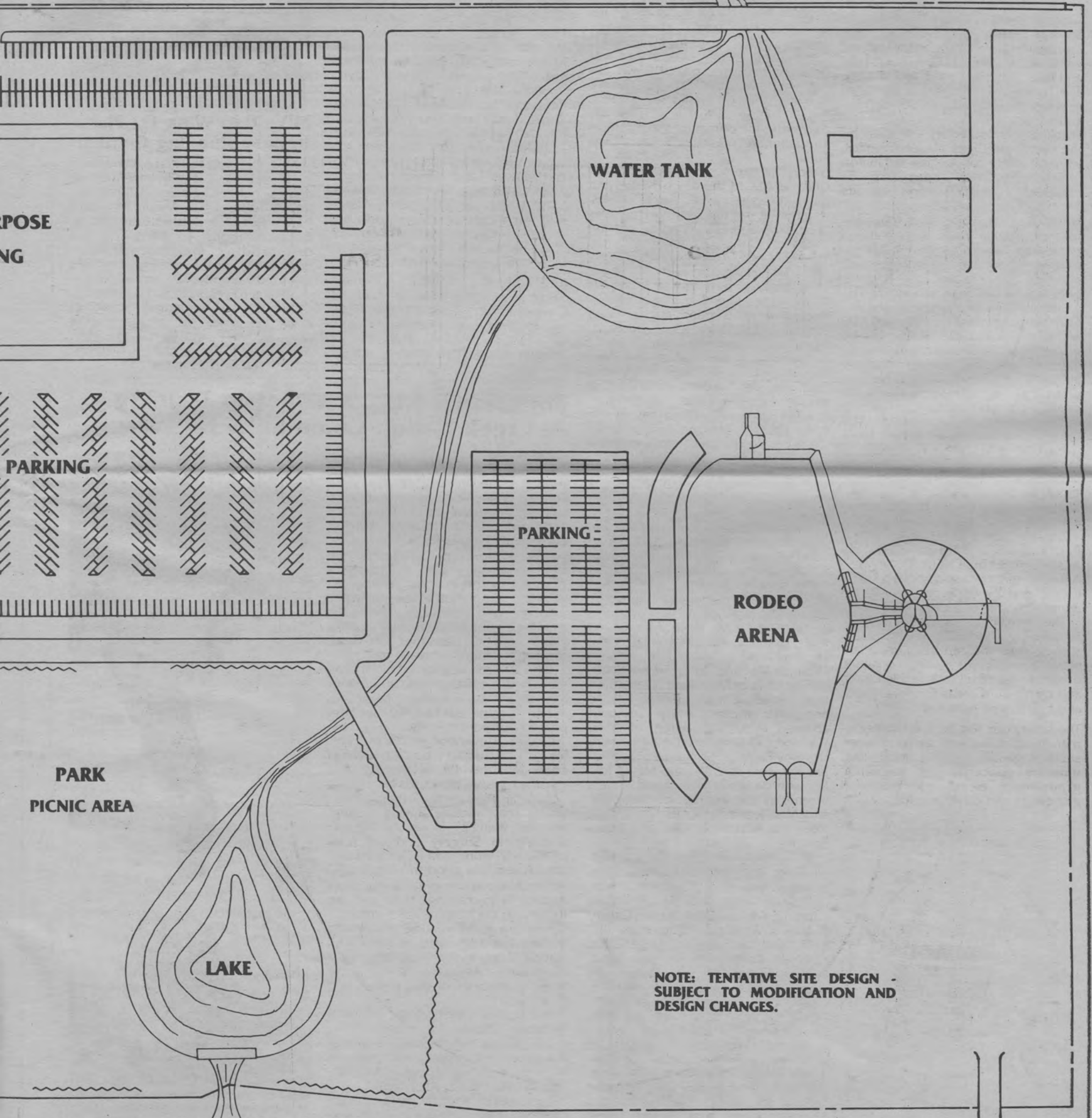
The various planning stages of the project are; Phase I - Planning/Seeking Financial Assistance; Phase II - Finalization of Planning and Engineering and Construction of project, and Phase III - Employment and Training of Staff and Start-Up of Operation.

"This project will benefit Creek

people by giving them a facility that they can enjoy. They can meet new people and visit with old friends, and have a variety of activities they can participate in or be a spectator of, and it will be owned by the Creek people in general," said Fife.

"It will also provide employment opportunities for Creek people," he added. The project is expected to

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employ 165-250 people during the initial stages.

"Once the project begins to provide income, all of that income over the operating cost will go into the tribal treasury and the tribal government will determine how these funds are spent," Fife concluded.

The Omniplex facilities are designed to accommodate varied activities. Among these:

Softball Facility - The facility will have four regulation-size softball diamonds which will be used for Spring, Summer and Fall tournaments and league play. The facility will have the capability of hosting the National Indian Softball Tournament.

Track and Field Facility - This will be the site of the Creek Nation Olympics, with capability for holding exhibition football games (semi-pro or professional), high school play-offs etc.

Health Spa - The Spa will have facilities for indoor swimming, hand ball and raquetball, as well as weight rooms, exercise rooms for gymnastics and aerobics. The Spa will have a sauna bath and the facilities can be utilized on a drop-in basis or by membership.

Multipurpose Center - The 60,000 sq. ft. (300 x 200) facility will be utilized for basketball tournaments, indoor concerts, indoor rodeos, indoor tennis courts, bingo, political gatherings, banquets, and will have the capability of contracting the National Indian Basketball Tournament. The Center will facilitate other large gatherings of people, not only the Indian community, but the general public as well.

Outdoor Rodeo Arena - The Creek Nation Rodeo will be held at the Arena, with the possibility of hosting other association's rodeos (e.g.) Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association, International Rodeo Association. The Arena would be used for jackpot rodeo events, clinics on riding, schools for roping, etc.

The remainder of the Omniplex facilities will include jogging paths throughout the entire Omniplex, picnic shelters for leisure activities outdoor basketball and tennis courts and designated areas for horseshoes and family-type activities.

The facility can also be used for eight-man football, as well as for soccer, stickball games, jogging, exercising, outdoor concerts and pageants, graduation exercises, political gatherings and other activities.



Colonel Robinson Descendants Reunionized at Thlopthlocco

By Ethel Coleman Torres

Saturday, July 2, 133 relatives and their families met at the Thlopthlocco Tribal town complex east of Okemah.

Susie Foster of Okemah, one of four surviving granddaughters, was the only one present. Arline Coleman is in Rebold Manor, Okmulgee, Pearl Scott is in the Okemah Hospital and Martha Tiger (all three from Weleetka) were unable to attend. Homage was paid to those who passed away this past year - two granddaughters, Fannie Robison Autry, Wetumka, Adeline Robison Burgess, Konawa, "Captain Autry with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Anchorage, Alaska, and Vann Autry, Tulsa.

Ben Birdcreek, Haskell Indian Jr. College, M.C.'d the day's events, and gave the history of the Col. Mrs. Pauline Randall, Henryetta, was chairman and in charge of the program. Ethel Coleman Torres, Weleetka, gave the opening prayer and Tom Berryhill, Henryetta, gave the benediction. Susie Foster rec'd the gift as the oldest member present, Stella Robisons' great-granddaughter was the youngest. Mrs. Jessie (Richard) Robison, Wetumka, Mrs. Stella (Tommy) Robison, Paden, and Mrs. Lizzie (Clemmie) Robison, Tulsa, were each presented dress pens as the Col. granddaughters-in-law.

Stella rec'd the gift for having the most children present; 6 sons and 1 daughter and their families. Willis Robison, Upper Lake, California, rec'd the award for traveling the farthest. Bill King, Henryetta, and Billy Robison, Paden, won the prize in the horse-shoe pitching games.

Forty dollars was collected on the Dr. William H. Coleman Scholarship Fund to be presented in October at the Haskell Alumni Reunion in Shawnee for Haskell Jr. College.

The bountiful dinner was enjoyed by all. Others present, as well as those mentioned above, were; Mrs. Emma Lou Duncan, Okemah, Elizabeth Trickey, Liberty, Texas, Nora Cheek, Okemah, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Scott, Weleetka, Lucy Mae Scott Marsey and son Lumber, Christie Severs, Louise and Betsy Proctor, Camille Gann and children Linda and Aaron, all from Wetumka. Others from Weleetka were Dorothy Barnett, Billy Burden, "Buddy" Joe Robison, son, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Robison, daughter Melissa and Eddie's brother-in-law Ronnie Johnson; Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Birdcreek, son Louis, niece Ida Birdcreek, Gina and Frisco Roberts.

From Henryetta were Mr. and Mrs. Bill King and children, David, Dale, Robison, Norman; Mr. and Mrs. Amos, D. Gene and Brenda Robison, Edmond; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce (Christy Coleman) Whitfield, Choctaw; Bill, Beth, and Bonnie Grimsley, Tulsa; Kathleen Robison Butler, Lois Lane, Jacinda, Paul and Jason, Leona Canard Fish, Audrey Posey Peurifoy, Dallas, Gladys Posey Broyles, Fairfield, Texas, Dr. Roger Canard, Garland, Texas, Brick Autry, Dimmett, Texas, Margaret Lynn Autry Partee and children Megan and Colan, Del Rio, Texas, Suzanne and Michelle Johnston, Corpus Christy, Texas, Gary and Joyce and family Rose, Tammy Sartem, Bristow, Linda and Susan Long, Sallisaw, Willis and Louise Robison,

Upper Lake, California. Craig, Stephen, and Travis Robinson, Holdenville, Nolen, Lenora, Scott, and Kevin Robinson, Coweta, William Buck,

Danny, Tina, Sonya, Tarpalechee, Togo, Rocky, Ginger and Regina Randall, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Berryhill, From Paden; Barney C. Robison, Douglas, Clayton, Tim, Susan and Nicole Lakins, Mr. and Mrs. Frank and Jodi Robison, Doug and Clayton Robison; Mr. and Mrs. William B. Robison, Barney, Rufus, Phyllis, Jan, Rene, Randy and Tina Robison; and Loy Dell Barton. Others from Okemah; Juanita Clingman, Dorothy Miller, Mrs. Weaver, Kristie and Kimie Cheek, Mary L. Robison and family. Wewoka: Rebecca Lindsey, Okmulgee: Rita and Shawn Williams, Rufus Berryhill, Lizzie Robison Yargee and Raymond, Okla. City: Mike, Cay and children, Mary and Paul Torres, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Robison, and a friend Mike.

Mr. and Mrs. William Alexander Sapulpa, Lucille Canard Navarro, Glenpool, Betty Canard Prater, Bixby, Mr. and Mrs. Frazier Brown, Arkansas City, Kansa, Cherry Holt Parker, Arizona Erich Pfizenmaier, Atlanta, Georgia.

Physician's Assistant Now in Training At Creek Nation Community Hospital

By Kathryn Bell

Jeannette Harjo, second year student at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, is currently in a training program as a Physician's Assistant at the Creek Nation Community Hospital.

Mrs. Harjo, Creek, has been in transitional training as a Physician's Assistant at the hospital since July 1. With the completion of the four-week training, which involves, generally, learning about hospital routine, Mrs. Harjo will do another six-week rotation for more intensive training.

John C. Neal, hospital administrator, explained the background and role of a Physician's Assistant: "The Physician's Assistant came out in 1940, but later phased out, but currently, due to the number of overworked doctors has been brought back." Neal continued, "The PA is directly and continuously supervised by a physician. They perform their duties, which may include taking patient histories, doing physicals, charting, and assisting in Surgery and OB. Our physicians' work load is relieved and our PA receives good training."

Mrs. Harjo is one of three Physician Assistants-in-training that will be rotating at the hospital this summer. "There is a good working relationship among the staff here at the Creek Nation Community Hospital and a Physician's Assistant is just one working member of that team," said Mrs. Harjo.

Bob Bullard is the hospital's licensed Physician Assistant.

"The Physician's Assistant is part of the effort in continuing education to provide Creek Nation with high quality medical care," concluded Neal.

Mrs. Harjo and family reside in Okemah. Her parents are James and Edna Pickering of Sapulpa.



Mike Deo Wins 1st Place In Base Running Contest

Mike Deo was the first place winner in 10 year age group in base running contest held at Eggleston Ball-park on July 10, 1983, at "The Annual All-Indian Men's Fastpitch Softball tournament. Congratulations to Mike for his outstanding participation in competing in the activity. He was awarded a trophy.

Mike is 10 years old and is in the 5th grade at Park Elementary School in Tulsa. He is the son of Ms. Martha (Brown) Deo. Grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Amos Deo of Hanna, Ok.



Jeannette Harjo is currently in a training program for Physician's Assistants at the Creek Nation Community Hospital at Okemah.



Learning secretarial skills while employed this summer in the CN CETA program, Chris Buckley, 18, is one of 346 Indian youth who has participated in the Summer Youth Program sponsored by the CETA Program.

CETA Program Chosen As Pilot Project

by Kathryn Bell

The Creek Nation CETA program, administered under the Division of Human Development, was recently selected as a pilot project by the Office of Performance Management, Department of Labor.

In connection with that distinction, Susan Makara, Office of Performance in Washington, D.C., was at the tribal Complex July 6 and 7, where she conferred with Buddy York, Director of the Division of Human Development. "An on-site visit was necessary to gather detailed information on the grantee," said Makara, whose Creek Nation stop was one of eight planned visits to other Indian CETA pilot projects throughout the nation.

Out of 192 Indian grantees nationwide, twenty of these volunteered to become pilot projects. Eight of the pilot projects were chosen to have on-site visits made to them by either Makara or her associate, Mary Silva. "We sent out a detailed work plan on becoming a pilot project and some of the progressive-thinking grantees volunteered," Makara said, referring to Creek Nation.

Makara hopes that the objective of the on-site visits will be accomplished; "One of the things that I hope we will be able to do is identify areas that affect performance which are common to all grantees, such as classroom training, characteristics of program participants, etc. But it will be necessary to visit all of the pilot projects before we can formulate performance standards for all of the grantees."

The new law on performance standards, "Jobs Training Partnership Act" will replace CETA (Comprehensive Employment and Training Act which expires in September). The Act involves welfare reduction and earnings gain consisting of four

measures: 1) Entered Employment Rate - how many CETA participants acquired jobs when they left the program; 2) Positive Determination - How many participants successfully completed the program; 3) Cost per Positive Determination - total CETA funds divided by the number of people who successfully completed the program; and 4) Community Benefit Measure - a measure which is set by the grantees and involves how their program benefits the community at large.

These new performance standards will expand the awareness of the government beyond just the reporting and numbers process. "We want to create helpful standards that can be achieved realistically by the grantees through this developmental process," stated Makara.

Upon completion of the on-site visits to the eight Indian grantees, Makara and Silva will return to Washington and will prepare a summation report on their findings. They will then send the report back to the participating pilot grantees. This report will also be utilized by an advisory group consisting of Department of Labor representatives and grantees. "We see the system as being very new and as such, we will make gradual adjustments and ultimately, be able to predict the performance standards that are unique to the characteristics of each individual grantee," explained Makara.

The other seven CETA grantees visited included: Creek Nation East of the Mississippi (Alabama), Florida Governor's Council for Indian Affairs (Tallahassee), Confederated Tribes of Colville (State of Washington), Native American Indian Association (Detroit), Phoenix Indian Center, the Papago Tribe of Arizona, and Turtle Mountain in North Dakota.

The CETA program at Creek Nation, according to Director Buddy York, was started in 1974 and has assisted many Indians in job training and placement. "When we started in 1974, we received \$350,000. From 1974 to the present, we have spent approximately 15 million in the CETA program," York commented.

The program received 3.3 million dollars in 1978, but due to federal budget cuts starting in 1980, the Creek Nation CETA program has received only 1.5 million annually since that time, due to the abolishment of Title II and Title VI of the Public Service Employment Act.

The CN CETA program includes youth work programs, training programs for the labor force and elderly work programs for age 55 and over.

York added that under the new Jobs Training Partnership Act, the emphasis will be on classroom training for direct-related jobs rather than on work programs. This training emphasis involving the private sector is the goal point of Reagan policy.

In addition to York, staff member Gary Bledsoe acts as the Assistant Manager of the CN Employment and Training program. He is responsible for fiscal management, reporting and monitoring of the program. "At present there are 346 youth, out of approximately 500 applicants, which have been involved in the Summer Youth Program from May 31-July 22," said Bledsoe. These youth were placed in non-profit organizations within the eight county area of Creek Nation.

"Creek Women in Today's Careers" Theme Of Workshop Held For SY Participants

By Kathryn Bell

"Creek Women In Today's Careers" was the title of a two-day model workshop held at the Complex on July 19 and 20 for participants in the Creek Nation Summer Youth Program.

The purpose of the Workshop, according to Leah Harjo, Intern in the Office of Justice, was "to create awareness for young Indian girls of the opportunities they have in various careers."

"Our underlying purpose was to foster in these girls, a sense of pride among Creek women and provide role models that are Creek women in successful careers," she said.

Thirty participants, between the ages of 14-20, from the Morris, Henryetta, Okmulgee area involved in the Creek Nation Summer Youth Employment program, attended the workshop.

Harjo stated that an assessment was done at the workshop to determine if there was interest generated for another workshop in the future. The positive evaluation from the workshop participants indicated that other workshops should be held; "We received positive responses from the participants. In one area of the assessment the outcome of the group was that one wanted to become a doctor, an accountant, and several wanted to go into computers, and my favorite - one girl expressed the desire to learn and teach the Muscogee language, said Harjo.

Harjo stated that all of the women on the workshop agenda were responsible for putting the workshop together and for its success; "I want to thank everyone who worked on the workshop - particularly the women of the Muscogee Nation," she said in appreciation.

Addressing the group on the second day of the workshop, was Principal Chief Claude Cox, who welcomed the group. Lawanna Jones, Youth Coordinator also addressed the group. Prayer was given by Lucille

Bear, with the opening address given by Leah Harjo. Etta Conner, representing the Daughters of the Trail of Tears, gave the Welcome on the first day of the workshop.

Among the noted speakers was Dr. Ruth Arrington, Professor in the Department of Communications at Northeastern State University. Her address centered on Assessing Careers and Job Hunting For Non-Traditional Careers.

Other speakers and their topics included: Sharon Fife Mouss of the Fife Collection - "Starting Your Own Business", Brandy Arkeketa - "Law", "Interpersonal Relations" and "Time Management". Dianna Simmons - "Creek Women Making History".

Other professional Indian women who addressed the group included: Helen Chalakee - Creek Nation Communications Department, Winona Simms Shilling - University of Oklahoma FATE Program, Dona Thompson, Recruiter - University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. On tape were Suzan Harjo - Legal Liaison for Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver and Kampelman in Washington, D.C. and Gayle Harris, Medical Doctor, Hastings IHS Hospital. An OHYO film, "Indian Women in Leadership Roles Today" was shown to the group.

Helen Chupco, Muscogee Nation Tribal Councilwoman addressed the group, as well as Susan Van Woudenburg, who conducted a session on Goal-Setting, Motivation and Self-Discipline. Others on the agenda, speaking on topics of concern to women were; Pearl Thomas, Kay Owens (Nutrition) and Sue Pepper of the Creek Nation Community Hospital.

Dacey Taryole gave the Shawl Ceremony and Phyllis Berryhill gave a Bellydance demonstration.

Concluding, Harjo noted, "The abiding theme of the workshop was 'Be a friend to yourself'."



Speakers at the "Career Opportunities For Indian Women" workshop held recently at the Mound Building.

JUNE 25, 1983 REGULAR MEETING

Invocation: Helen Chupco

Call to Order: Kenneth L. Childers

Roll Call: Eight members present, those members being present were: Helen Chupco, Andy Bible, Richard Larney, Clarence Cloud, Kenneth L. Childers, Sandy McIntosh, Nelson Johnson, Carney Roberts. Acting Parliamentarian, Robert W. Trepp, Legal Counsel: Jeff Standing Bear.

Reading of the Minutes: The Minutes of May 28th Regular Scheduled meeting and June 13th Special Meeting were not received by the Council Members in time for their review, therefore the Chair entertained a motion to postpone minutes and to place them on the July Agenda. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Larney to postpone the minutes and place them on the July Agenda. A roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. Upon a motion made and seconded and by a unanimous vote of approval the minutes were postponed and will be placed on the July Agenda.

Orders of Business: BILLS

6A. A "BILL" amending the Tribal Election Code, NCA 81-82 by Providing for the Apportionment of District Representatives to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council. To be introduced into the Muscogee Nation in Council Assembled, by Nelson Johnson, Hughes/Seminole District Representatives for himself and the committee on Business and Government Services. The BILL was read as follows: TITLE - GENERAL PROVISIONS. Section 101. Findings: The National Council finds that the method of electing Representatives to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council is regulated by the 1979 Constitution, Article VI, Section 2, which states, "All legislative power herein shall be vested in the Muscogee (Creek) National Council, which shall consist of one (1) House with one (1) representative from each district, and one (1) additional representative for each 1,000 district citizens". **Section 102.** Declaration of Policy. It is the policy of the Muscogee Nation to elect representatives to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council from: A) Single member district representatives from each District which has less than 1,000 enrolled citizens. B) Multi-member district representatives from each District which has 1,000 or more enrolled citizens. **Section 103.** On August 1, 1983 and every second year thereafter, the Citizenship Board shall certify the number of representatives from each District which shall be elected to the National Council elections scheduled that year. The certification of the Election Board shall be based upon the following formula: A. 1-999 Citizens: One (1) Representative; B. 1,000 - 1,999 Citizens: Two (2) Representatives; C. 2,000 - 2,999 Citizens: Three (3) Representatives; D. 3,000 - 3,999

Citizens: Four (4) Representatives; E. 4,000-4,999 Citizens: Five (5) Representatives; F. 5,000 -5,999 Citizens: Six (6) Representatives; G. 6,000-6,999 Citizens: Seven (7) Representatives. **Section 105.** The Election Board shall publicize the certification required in Section 104 by posters to be distributed to Indian Community organizations and centers, churches, ceremonial grounds, and other places where Indian people congregate. **Section 106.** The number of representatives from each District to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council shall be based exclusively upon the certified number of citizens established according to Section 103 and shall not be altered during the two-year period between such certifications.

TITLE II ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES

Section 201. Each District which has less than 1,000 enrolled citizens shall elect a single representative in a district-wide election. **Section 202.** Each district which has 1,000 or more enrolled citizens shall separately elect the number of representatives certified under Section 104 of this Ordinance, each representative being elected in a district-wide election. **Section 203. Filing.** A) Candidates in districts which qualify under Section 202 shall be required to file for a specific position, labeled by a letter of the alphabet and the position filed for cannot be altered by the Election board after the candidate has filed. B) After a candidate has completed filing, and if the filing period is still open, the candidate shall have the option of withdrawing from one position and filing period, and the position shall remain vacant until a Special Election may be called according to ordinances. **Section 204.** Each district voter shall be entitled to one vote for each position on the ballot in every district-wide election. Voting for more than one candidate for any position will void the voter's ballot for that position. The BILL having been read, the Chair entertained discussion. Discussion was held. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Chupco to adopt this ordinance as read. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion Carried. (A) Amending the Tribal Election Code, NCA 81-82 by Providing for the Apportionment of District Representatives to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council", was approved by a unanimous vote of approval and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

6B. A BILL to authorize contracts with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Services, to be introduced in the Muscogee Nation in Council assembled, upon request by the Principal Chief and through the Committee on Community Services. The BILL was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Tribal Ordinance 83-21 as amended, the 1984 Tribal Contracts Ordinance, is hereby further amended at Section 153 by adding new paragraphs, (C) and (D) as follows: C. U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, Community Services-General, Social Services, Housing, Adult Education, Adult Vocational Training, Employment Assistance, Scholarships, J.O.M. Early Childhood Services, Other Rights Protection, Tribal Courts, Aid to Tribal Government, Agriculture Extension, Real Estate Appraisal, Real Property, Credit and Financing, Natural Resources, Agriculture, Forestry, Minerals and Mining, Water Resources. D. U.S. Indian Health Services, Community Health Representatives. **Section 102.** The above contracts having been approved by the Muscogee Nation, the Principal Chief is directed to implement said contracts upon receipt according to the Requirements of the 1984 Tribal Contracts Ordinance. The Ordinance having been read, the Chair entertained discussion. Discussion was held, and the Chair entertained a motion. Motion: a motion was made by Larney and seconded by Johnson to adopt 6B entitled A BILL To Authorize Contracts with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Services. A motion having been made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: seven in favor, none against, and no abstentions. Motion Carried, BILL 6B will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

6C. A BILL to Authorize a Contract with the Office of Community Services. To be introduced by Richard Larney, Okmulgee District Representative for himself and the Committee on Tribal Affairs. The BILL was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Tribal Ordinance 82-38 as amended, the 1983 Tribal Contracts Ordinance, is hereby further amended at Section 153 by adding a new paragraph as follows: "HHS Office of Community Services Omnibus Development" **Section 102.** The above contract having to implement said contract upon receipt according to the requirements of the 1983 Tribal Contracts Ordinance. The BILL having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. Motion: A motion was made by Chupco and seconded by Larney to adopt 6B as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seven in favor, none against and no abstentions.

6 D.A BILL entitled "Confirming an appointment by the Principal Chief to the Election Board". The BILL was read and considered as follows: Section 101. The nomination by the Principal Chief of Kenneth Palmer, a citizen of the Muscogee Nation, to serve upon the Election Board is hereby confirmed by the National Council to complete the unexpired term of Dean Sanger. The Chair entertained a discussion, discussion was held. The Chair entertained a motion. Motion: a motion was made by Larney and seconded by Johnson to approve 6 D. A motion having been made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: three in favor, two against and two abstentions; Chupco - abstain, McIntosh - abstain, Johnson - yea, Bible - no, Roberts - yea, Larney - yea, Cloud - no. Motion Carried. Upon a motion made and seconded and by a majority vote of approval BILL 6 D was approved as read and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

Items for Consideration

6E. A BILL amending the NCA 81-23 providing for the compensation of members of the National Council of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The BILL was introduced by Kenneth L. Childers, Speaker of the National Council of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, introduced for himself, and as an ex-office member of the Four Outstanding Legislative Committees. The Chair entertained a motion to place this item on the agenda under "Items For Consideration". A motion was made by Larney and seconded by Roberts to place this item on the agenda for consideration. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion Carried. BILL 6 E would be placed on the agenda for Legislative Action: The BILL (6E) was read and considered as follows: **Section 101.** Effective April 1, 1983, Tribal Ordinance NCA 81-23 as amended is hereby further amended at Section 101 as follows: "The compensation of Representatives to the National Council of the Muscogee Nation is hereby established at: A) \$100.00 per meeting for each Council, planning or special meetings attended. B) \$50.00 per Committee member for Committee meetings attended. The ordinance having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Larney to approve (6E) as read. A motion having been made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Six in favor, one abstention, and none against. Motion Carried. BILL 6E will be forwarded to the Office of the Principal Chief for his signature of approval, and will also be recorded into the Muscogee Nation Code of Laws as such.

Other Business: The Council was advised that it was time to develop the Tribal Budget and have been asked to give their input.

Announcements, and Reports, or Other: Announcing the Five Tribes Meeting, to be held at the Creek Capitol Complex, on July 8th beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Carney Roberts and seconded by Richard Larney to adjourn this meeting. Upon a motion duly made and seconded and by a unanimous vote of approval, the meeting was adjourned.

Benediction: Helen Chupco.

LETTER FROM EVANGELIST ERNEST BEST

"This is the day that the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it." Psalms 118:24

Truly, this is the day which the Lord hath made. A day of real visitation for our Indian people, and we will rejoice in the blessed opportunity to preach Jesus Christ to our people.

Since our last letter, my wife, my son and I have been on Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, in South Dakota. I preached a tent meeting at Sharp's Corner, which is a few miles north of Wounded Knee. My son, Gerald, led singing and sang specials. Bro. Richmond Carr, his family and my wife conducted children's church. We showed the films, "Believer's Heaven" and "Burning Hell", on Thursday and Friday nights after the regular services. We had an average attendance of 50, with 6 souls saved.

We took the tent down on Saturday night and moved into Pine Ridge Village. Bro. Gary Hawkins and 5 others joined us there. The 6 team members were all Oklahoma Indians. They sang, gave testimonies, and conducted children's church. During the day, my wife taught women's Bible studies. Bro. Gary, the other men and I went to the street in front of the Sioux Nation Shopping Center and preached, sang Creek and English hymns, and passed out tracts. One man began cursing us, but a little old Indian woman told him to shut up, that we were doing a good work. We had good response to the street preaching. The street people, (alcoholics and fallen women began coming to the revival. God's Spirit moved and we saw 9 saved during the tent meeting.

The following week, I taught Bible studies. We had a good attendance of 30 each night. I was busy during the days with counseling and visitation. We also showed the films again, with 14 more professions of faith, making a total of 29 saved during this three week period! Praise God, for this is the day which the Lord hath made. Rejoice and be glad with us for you have a great part in our ministry.

We had the honor of being invited into a Indian family's home for dinner at Sharp's Corner. Upon hearing the invitation, we were told "They will probably feed you one of those fat puppies they have. Our host replied, "Well, you know every tribe has their special dish, and that is ours." We had a delicious traditional Indian dinner of boiled beef, fry bread, blueberry pudding, and some kind of meat dish. We thoroughly enjoyed it.

We are praising God for the family who gave us \$100.00 and the church which gave \$110.00 for our travel trailer. We still need \$6,000.00 to pay the note when it came due August 5th. Please pray with us that God will touch the heart of His people concerning this need.

Thank you for your faithful support and prayers as we travel among our people. May God bless you richly as you serve Him in your field of labor.

Your missionaries to the American Indian
Brother Ernest, Bennie and Gerald Best

National Council Minutes

MAY 28, 1983 REGULAR MEETING

Invocation: Everyone was asked to repeat the Lords Prayer. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Kenneth L. Childers. **Roll Call:** A roll call vote was taken, and a quorum was declared with eight members present, and it was understood that any and all business transacted during this session would be valid and entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws.

Introduction of Special guest: Paul Tiger, Manager of Commodity Food Distribution Program; James Floyd, Manager of Health Services Administration; Chiquita Juneau, Activities Coordinator, Elderly Nutrition Program.

Reading of Minutes: The minutes had been mailed prior to this meeting date. The Chair entertained discussion. Helen Chupco recommended that a phrase "requesting that the Eastern Creeks be given federal recognition as the Eastern Band of Creeks" be added to the report given by Buford Rolin. **The Chair Entertained a Motion:** A motion was made by Chupco and seconded by Larney to amend the minutes as recommended. A motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion Carried. **The Chair Entertained a Motion to Approve the Minutes:** A motion was made by Larney and seconded by Roberts to adopt the minutes as amended. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion Carried.

Other Minutes to be approved were: the May 18, 1983 Joint Meeting Minutes with the Creek Nation Housing Authority and the National Council. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Bible to approve the minutes as read. Upon a motion made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion Carried: May 18, 1983 minutes were approved as read.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A "Bill" Providing Authorization for Tribal Contracts to Provide Services and Programs for Fiscal Year 1984. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Providing authorization for Tribal Contracts To Provide Services and Programs for Fiscal Year 1984 Section 101. Findings. The National Council finds that: A. The Muscogee Nation has satisfactorily performed its contractual obligations throughout the past several fiscal years. C. Federal, state and other contracts are currently necessary for the tribal delivery of needed services to Indians within the Muscogee Nation. C. Federal, state and other contracts should be authorized for Fiscal Year 1984. **Section 102.** Declaration of Policy. It is the policy of the Muscogee Nation to utilize federal, state and other contracts for the tribal delivery of necessary services to Indians within the Muscogee Nation. **TITLE ONE. CONTRACTS AUTHORIZED. Section 151.** Contracts described by this Ordinance are hereby authorized for Fiscal Year 1984. **Section 152.** The authority of the Muscogee Nation to enter into contracts for the 1984 Fiscal Year is hereby delegated to the Principal Chief under the terms of this Ordinance. **Section 153:** The Muscogee Nation shall enter into contracts and grants with federal, state and other entities including but not limited to: A. The United States of America. I. Department of Agriculture (a) Commodity Food Distribution Program. 2. (Reserved) B. (Reserved) **Section 201** In performance of the above described contracts, the following guidelines are hereby imposed upon the Principal Chief. A. The scope of each contract shall be the maximum amount of services which is contractible (or, for area-wide or multi-tribal programs, the tribal share as negotiated) and, in the judgement of the Principal Chief, which the Muscogee Nation is capable of fulfilling. B. A negotiating team is hereby created to consist of the Principal Chief, the Executive Director, and the Director of Division proposed to implement the contract; and the negotiating team is hereby vested with the authority to negotiate any contract and amendments thereto. Any disagreement among the negotiating team shall be settled by binding majority vote. C. The Principal Chief of the Muscogee Nation is hereby authorized to implement each contract and any amendments thereto. D. The authorities granted by this Ordinance shall expire on September 30, 1984. Provided, that 1. Contract extensions approved both parties to the contract shall continue under the authorities of this Ordinance. 2. Contracts which do not exceed the time limit in S 201(1) of this Ordinance shall continue under the authorities of this Ordinance. E. Review of contract proposals contained in S 153 of this Ordinance has been completed by the Nation's Council and no further review is required prior to execution. F. New proposals shall be reviewed by the National Council and, if approved, added to S 153 of this Ordinance by amendment. G. Upon amendment of S 153 of this Ordinance, the Secretary shall be required to compile an amended version of this Ordinance, and the Speaker and Principal Chief shall be required to execute original signatures to the amended version of this Ordinance. H. All contracts shall commence on or after October 1, 1983. I. All contracts shall be for a period of not more than three years. **Section 202.** Funds received by the Muscogee Nation under any contract authorized by this Ordinance are hereby appropriated for the sole purposes of the contracts and the Principal Chief is instructed to expend those funds in accordance with applicable contract and other requirements. **Section 203.** Modifications may be proposed by the Principal Chief to the Agency, and if approved, may be implemented. **Section 204.** The Principal Chief is directed to enter into leases of tribal facilities on behalf of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to tribal programs under contract and to federal programs needing office, program or storage space when such federal programs serve Indian residents or citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. All such funds received are hereby appropriated to the tribal Real Property and Facilities Program. **Section 205.** No request to retrocede any contract under this ordinance is authorized to be made without any Ordinance of the Muscogee Nation. **Section 206.** As of the date of this Ordinance, the consent of the Muscogee Nation under the Self-Determination Act for any Indian Organization other than the Muscogee Nation to operate any contract to serve Indian residents or citizens of the Muscogee Nation has been granted solely to organizations listed in this section, and consent for other organizations shall require an Ordinance of the Muscogee Nation. A. Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma; Seneca Indian School. B. Chickasaw Nation: Solar Panel Cleaning and Grounds Maintenance at Ada IHS Hospital. C. (Reserved) **Section 207.** The Principal Chief is authorized to obtain such residual or carryover funds as may be available from unexpended FY 1983 funds, to be applied to a contract for the same general purpose. The Chair entertained a motion for a break: A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Roberts to break for ten minutes. Upon a motion made and seconded and by unanimous vote approval the meeting was recessed for ten minutes. The Chair called the meeting to order and entertained a motion to replace the "Bill", which was read, with a substitute "Bill". A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Larney to place the "Substitute

Bill" on the agenda thereby removing the previous "Bill" which was read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried.

The Chair entertained discussion on the Substitute Bill. Several recommendations for amendments were made, at this point the Chair entertained a motion. Motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Bible to amend Section 203 by: 1) Inserting the word "Budget" at the beginning of the sentence making the sentence to read "Budget Modifications may be proposed by the Principal Chief to the agency, and if approved, may be implemented." A motion having been made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion Carried.

The Chair Entertained a Motion: A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Chupco to amend this ordinance by renumbering and adding new sections beginning with Section 205. The amendments were as follows: **Section 205.** Nothing in this Ordinance shall prevent the operation of any tribal Ordinance relating to contracts, management and administration; nor prevent the Muscogee Nation from adopting ordinances which require the Principal Chief to propose Scope of Services of Budget Modifications to the entity involved in any contract. **Section 206.** No request to retrocede any contract under this Ordinance is authorized to be made without any Ordinance of the Muscogee Nation. **Section 207.** As of the date of this Ordinance, the consent, of the Muscogee Nation under the Self-Determination Act for any Indian Organization other than the Muscogee Nation to operate any contract to serve Indian residents or citizens of the Muscogee Nation has been granted solely to organizations listed in this section and consent for other organizations shall require an Ordinance of the Muscogee Nation. A. Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma; Seneca Indian School. B. Chickasaw Nation: Solar Panel Cleaning and Grounds Maintenance at Ada IHS Hospital. C. Cherokee Nation: Public Health Nursing and Human Services. **Section 208.** The Principal Chief is authorized to obtain such residual or carry-over funds as may be available from unexpended FY 1983 funds, to be applied to a contract for the same general purpose. The Chair Entertained a motion to adopt the "Bill" as read after the amendments. A motion was made by Chupco and seconded by Bible to approve the "Bill" as read. Upon a motion made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with results being: seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion Carried.

Items for Consideration:

A BILL entitled "An Amendment to NCA 82-38 which Provides Authorization for Tribal Contracts Providing Services and Programs for Fiscal Year 1983. The Chair entertained a motion to place this item on the Agenda for Consideration. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Larney to place this item on the agenda. Upon a motion made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion Carried. The BILL was placed on the agenda for consideration and was read as follows: **Section 101.** Tribal Ordinance NCA 83-28 as amended, the Tribal Contracts Ordinance is hereby further amended at Section 153 (A) (2) (b), Indian Health Services by adding a new phrase to read: "Emergency Medical Services". The Chair entertained a motion to adopt this Bill as read. A motion was made by Larney and seconded by Cloud to approve this "BILL" as read. Upon a motion made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion Carried.

Other Business: None

Announcements: June 15, 1983 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

Adjournment: By a unanimous vote of approval the meeting was adjourned.

Benediction: Helen Chupco

JUNE 13, 1983 SPECIAL MEETING

Invocation: Helen Chupco

Call To Order: Kenneth L. Childers

Roll Call: Seven members were present. Those members present were: Helen Chupco, Clarence Cloud, Kenneth L. Childers, Richard Larney, Andy Bible, Sandy McIntosh, Carney Roberts. One member absent: Nelson Johnson. A quorum was declared with seven members and it was understood that all business transacted during this session would be considered valid and entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such. Members of the Administration present were: Cory Breshears, Jim Wittman, James Floyd, Prentice Berryhill and Bill Fife.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

"A BILL" entitled "Authorizing a letter of Intent and Contract for Section 401 Funds Under the Job Training Partnership Act. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. The Principal Chief is hereby authorized and directed to submit a "Letter of Intent" to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, to apply for Program year 1984 funds pursuant to Section 401 of the Job Training Partnership Act. **Section 102. Tribal Ordinance NCA 83-21 is hereby amended at Section 153, by adding a new paragraph, (B) as follows:** Department of Labor Job Training Partnership Act, Section 401. **Section 103.** The above program having been approved by the Muscogee Nation, the Principal Chief is directed to implement said NCA 83-21 as amended. The Ordinance having been read, the Chair entertained a Discussion. Mr. York advised the Council that this was not a proposal but a "Letter of Intent" for the Creek Nation advising the Department of Labor that they were interested in the Job Partnership Act Program, and that a proposal would be submitted at a later date. The Chair Entertained a Motion: A motion was made by Larney and seconded by McIntosh to adopt the BILL as read. Upon a motion made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Five in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion Carried: By unanimous vote of approval the "BILL" was approved as read and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Planning Session immediately following this special meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Carney Roberts and Helen Chupco made a motion to adjourn and by a unanimous vote of approval the meeting was adjourned.

BENEDICTION: Helen Chupco



Agri-Business Feed Mill Nearing Operational Status

By Kathryn Bell

A September 1 target date has been set for the Agri-Business Feed Mill located in the northern area of the Dustin site of the Agri-business. At that time the Feed Mill should be fully operational, according to Principal Chief Claude Cox. While touring the site recently, Chief Cox stated, "Although we are a little behind schedule, construction is still within acceptable range."

The mill will be utilized for the production of feed for the Dairy and Cow-Calf operation. Any excess millage will be sold on the commercial market. The Agri-business is currently in the final stage of the first phase of a long-range, twenty-five year operation.

The Feed Mill is an integral part of the Agri-business program which will eventually provide the foundation for tribal economic independence. A "closed loop agriculture production system" will keep the revenue circulating from Indian citizens to tribal business, to outside enterprises, back to tribal members and Creek Nation by way of cooperative associations.

NO TRIBAL FUNDS SPENT

Construction of the Feed Mill entailed no tribal funds being invested. The project was financed through the Bureau of Indian Affairs Consolidated Agriculture Program, according to Bill Fife, Director of the Division of Tribal Affairs. "The Feed Mill will have an estimated value of \$250,000 when completed."

FEED MILL OPERATION WILL IMPACT LOCAL FARMING ECONOMY

The next step in the mill operation will be the processing of feed at the mill. Area Indian farmers are encouraged to grow grain for the mill. "Our next step is to get our people to raise more grain for use at the mill. By having Creek farmers raise and supply grain for the mill, it will cut down on the costs of buying and hauling in from an outside source - we have been trucking in grain from Kansas and Nebraska," said Chief Cox. The mill will also impact on non-Indian farmers in that, if more grain is needed than the Indian farmers can produce, the mill will negotiate with the non-Indian farmers.

CREEK NATION WELDING TRAINING PROGRAM CONSTRUCTS MILL

The Feed Mill is being constructed by the Creek Nation Welding Training Program, under the supervision of Thomas McIntosh. The welders who are in an advanced welding training course, receive valuable on-the-job training while working on the mill. They were eager to comment on their involvement with the project:

"We've learned a lot since we started - things that you can only learn through experience," said welding student Tim Cheek, with student Mike Harjo agreeing. The camaraderie among the welding students was evident, and the closeness was important to them. "We get along real good because we came from the same place and the same environment," they said.

Welding student Frank Harjo related that he had seen while working on the mill, elements of his welding training, put into practical application - "As far as I'm concerned, safety goes a long way. I have learned about safety at the welding school, but have experienced it firsthand while working on this project." All of the students concluded that they enjoyed working out in the open - "lots of fresh air and sunshine."

Supervisor McIntosh, a former National Council Representative for the McIntosh District, expressed his optimism for the Feed Mill and the effect that it will have on Creek Nation and its people. "It will mean everything to the Agri-business project and a lot more to the community and to the Creek people. That's why" he said motioning to the welding students working on the mill, "I want to make sure that the work is done right."

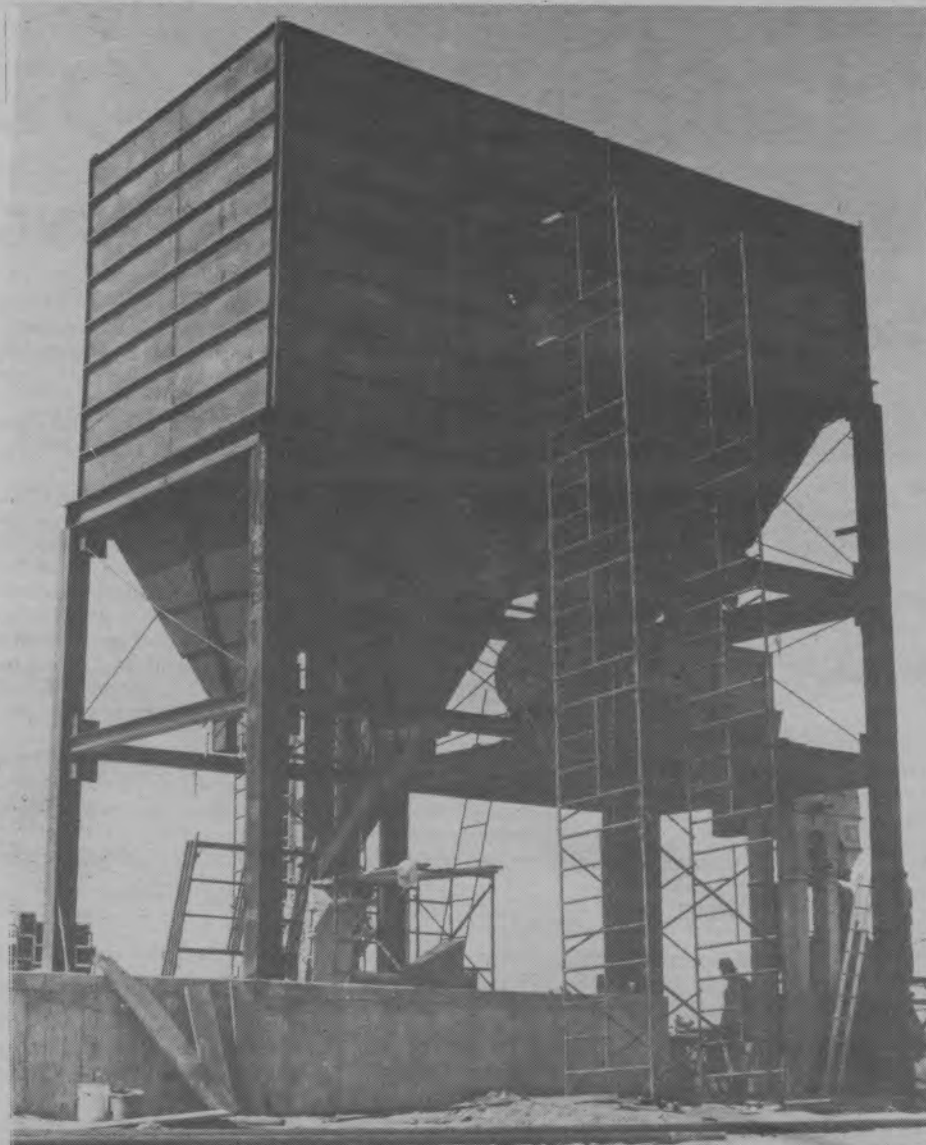
AGRI-BUSINESS BROADENS CREEK TRIBAL LAND BASE

When Chief Cox took office in 1971, one of his priorities was to focus on reversing inadequate land use practices that had been in effect for over 70 years. Through the Chief's leadership and through expert long-range economic planning, the tribe acquired substantial land holdings of currently 5,500 acres and is expected to broaden that land base within the next twenty-five years to 25,000 acres.

CHIEF COX PRAISES CREEKS FOR THEIR SUPPORT

As personally gratifying as it must be for the Chief to see his vision of tribal self-determination becoming a reality, he gives credit to the Creek people for their support in the progress that has been made. "We are making progress because of the support from the Creek people," Chief Cox added. "We have also been fortunate to get grants to support the work being done, not only with this project, but with other projects as well."

Chief Cox stated that the tribe hopes to purchase 3,000 acres in the near future for the Agri-business project.



The Feed Mill at the Dustin site of the Agri-business stands as a visual indicator of continuing self-sufficiency for Creek Nation.



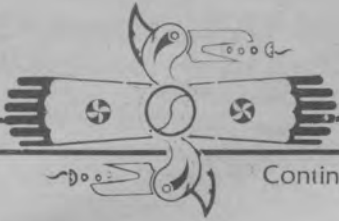
Chief Cox, while touring the Feed Mill project takes time to visit with the welding students who are working on the project; (left to right) Bradley Fox, Bill Proctor, and Raymond Jackson.



Receiving valuable on-the-job training while working on the Feed Mill project, are advanced welding students Mike Harjo, Tim Cheek (center) and Frank Harjo.



Thomas McIntosh, welding supervisor, explains the grain separating process at the mill to Chief Cox and Executive Director Gary Breshears.



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'Retrospect' Brochure Reports Events Of Past Creek Decade

By Helen Chalakee

Never before in the history of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation has there been so much information available to tribal members about tribal affairs. Principal Chief Claude Cox realizes his responsibility to the tribe in keeping them informed about every matter in which tribal administration is involved. What happens in tribal government, and the administration of the government, has a direct influence on the daily lives of the Creek people.

In research of the Creek tribe, it has been found there is zero information documented about the Muscogee (Creek) Nation for a period of about fifty years, from the early 1900's through the 1950's and 1960's when the Five Civilized Tribes began activating the Inter-tribal Council.

With the inception of the tribal newspaper, Chief Cox has made sure no information is lost to the people again. However, he felt a capsuled version was needed and at the closing of last year, he commissioned the tribal communication department to put together a condensed single document depicting information about events over the past decade that have brought about the development of today's Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

A recently published, 18-page booklet entitled "Retrospect-A Report to the Muscogee (Creek) People on a Decade of Development", brought about a flurry of excitement and controversy at the Tribal Mound last week when tribal employees, including the Principal Chief, were solicited to help with the mail-out of the booklet.

Each tribal member on the mailing list of the Muscogee Nation News will receive a Retrospect within the next few weeks. Chief Cox has inserted a letter inside Retrospect dedicating it to the Creek people.

The usefulness of the booklet has extended beyond the Creek tribe. Major universities have contacted the Communication Department, saying they are using the booklet for historical documentation for their research projects.

For more information about the Retrospect booklet or for requesting purposes, please contact the Creek Nation Communication Department, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, 74447 or telephone 918-756-8700 extension 327.



PRINCIPAL CHIEF COX WAS FOUND LAST WEEK STUFFING ENVELOPES WITH THE NEW "RETROSPECT" BROCHURE. The brochure is a report to the Muscogee people on the development of Creek Nation over the past decade and will be mailed out to tribal members. The 18 page document was prepared entirely by the Creek Nation Communication Department at the request of Chief Cox in an attempt to keep tribal members informed about tribal affairs.

Candidate Filing Period Scheduled Sept. 19

By Helen Chalakee

A three day candidate filing period has been set for the up-coming October 22 Muscogee (Creek) Tribal Election. In order for a person to run for any office, a "Declaration of Candidacy" must be filed with the Creek Nation Election Board no earlier than 9:00 a.m., Monday, September 19 and no later than 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 21.

Filing fees are determined by the position for which one files. The fee for the Office of Principal Chief is \$400; for the Office of Second Chief is \$250; and for the Office of National Council Representative, \$100. Filing fees will be used to defray election costs.

For the first time in tribal history, many voting districts will elect more than one representative. According to the Creek Constitution, any district with more than 1,000 enrolled members will elect a representative for each 1,000 tribal members.

August 1, 1983, the Creek Nation Citizenship Board determined, according to tribal enrollment at that time, Okmulgee, McIntosh and Tulsa Districts are eligible for three

representatives each. Hughes, Okfuskee and Creek Districts are eligible for two Representatives each; and Muskogee and Wagoner/Rogers/Mays Districts will remain at one each, making a total of 17 Representative positions open.

Persons filing for any office must be an enrolled member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and 1/4 or more Muscogee (Creek) by blood holding a full citizenship and must also be a registered Muscogee (Creek) voter.

Persons filing for the Office of Principal Chief and Second Chief must be 30 years or older and must have resided within the Creek Nation boundary for one year immediately prior to filing. The term of office is four years, beginning the first Monday in 1984.

Qualifications for Council Representatives require them to be 18 years of age or older and must be a legal resident of the district for which they are filing. They must hold full citizenship in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, 1/4 or more Muscogee (Creek) by blood, and must be a registered voter. The term of office is

two years. All representatives will be elected by majority vote of their specified district.

It will be the responsibility of each candidate to submit an announcement of their candidacy to the Muscogee Nation News, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, 74447. The MNN office is located in the Tribal Mound at the Complex. Deadline for submission is 5:00 p.m., Friday, September 23. Each candidate will be allowed 300 words and a photograph, candidate information will not be edited by the MNN staff. Submitted copy will be printed in the exact wording that it arrives at the MNN office. Any type photo will be accepted. If you need the services of the MNN for photography, call and make arrangements at 756-8700 extension 327. The following week after the deadline, a Muscogee Nation News with all the candidate's information will be printed and distributed to 6,000 Creek readers.

Voter registration will close ten days prior to the election. The Creek Nation Election Board is located in the main building at the Tribal Complex.

VOTE

Creek Tribal Election October 22, 1983

Oklahoma Assistant Attorney General To Speak At Consumer Education Workshop

The State Attorney General's Office, in conjunction with the Creek Nation's Office of Justice and Community Development Department, will sponsor a "Consumer Education Program" that will be available free to Creek Nation and the public.

Albert M. Bender, Assistant Attorney General, will conduct the presentation which will be held at the Mound Building at the tribal Complex on September 20, from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

This important presentation is part of an on-going Consumer Education Program initiated by the Office of the Attorney General to inform Oklahoma Consumers of their rights and give them pointers on how to recognize and prevent possibly fraudulent schemes before they become victims.

Areas covered during the Consumer Education presentations include; mail order sales, auto repair, purchase of

defective autos, home improvement contractors, vacation time shares, high pressure sales of magazine subscriptions and debt collection harassment. In addition, specific problems of senior citizens, women, credit and other violations of the Consumer Protection Act are discussed in these presentations.

Of particular interest to the consumers of the Creek Nation area will be the portion of the presentation on loan sharking and debt collection harassment, which are prevalent concerns in this area.

For further information contact Geoffrey Standingbear, Legal Counsel in the Creek Nation Office of Justice, 756-8700, Ext. 350 or Steve Wilson, Manager of the Department of Community Development, 756-8700, Ext. 300.

CRUSADE '83

Crusade '83 will be conducted at the Mound Building at the Creek Nation Complex, September 5-9, Monday - Friday, at 7:30 p.m.

Speaking at Crusade '83 will be Evangelist Rev. Richard Pickup of Jay, and J.B. Dreadfulwater, well-known Music Evangelist from Tahlequah.

The Rev. Pickup is a dynamic, Spirit-filled preacher who is able to relate to both young and old alike. He is in wide demand and is used in revivals, crusades and camps. He presently pastors at Round Spring Indian Church near Jay. He has pastored there for 5 years. Rev. Pickup is married to Charlene Sands and has four children. Come and hear this great man of God. You will come away from the Crusade uplifted and filled with the Spirit of God each night.

Dreadfulwater taught school in Vocal Music Education and Career Education for several years before going fulltime into evangelistic music in October, 1982. He has sang with the quartet, "The Osceola Four" for nine years and has appeared on television, as well as doing radio broadcasts and making personal appearances in various states. The music evangelist has also made several albums. He is married to Louise Reust Dreadfulwater and has eight children.

The crusade schedule includes Monday - Pickett Chapel Choir from Mounds; Tuesday - Lonzo Baptiste Family from Tulsa; Wednesday - Tribal Singing; Thursday - Spring Church Choir from Sasakwa, and Friday - Cherokee Choir from Tahlequah.

Plan to attend "CRUSADE '83"!

Creek Nation Head Start Child Care Food Program

The Creek Nation Head Start Program announces its participation in the Child Care Food Program. All children in attendance will be offered the same meals with no physical segregation of, or other discrimination against, any child because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or handicap.

LETTER...

Dear Mr. Principal Chief of the Creek Nation:

My name is Philipp Zehetmaier. I am 15 years old and live in Munchen, West Germany. I am very interested in Creek Indians and I'm interested in corresponding with a Creek boy of my age. I would be very glad over it.

Sincerely yours,
Philipp Zehetmaier
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PROGRESS UNDERWAY AT THE SITE OF THE CREEK NATION SPORTS OMNIPLEX, now under construction, includes preliminary land clearing, dirt work, staking off the rodeo grounds, and shown above, completion of the Omniplex pond. The Division of Tribal Affairs is awaiting notification of the status of the Economic Development Grant application to build the 2.2 million dollar recreation project.

Coalition For Fair Utility Rates Will Circulate Petitions At Complex

Concern for utility rates has prompted Jorene Coker, former BIA employee, into a concerted effort to enlighten Indians on the problems they and their families face because of the high cost of utilities.

Mrs. Coker, a member of The Coalition for Fair Utility Rates, announced that petitions will circulate beginning September 1, to request a statewide referendum vote to restructure the Oklahoma Corporation Commission.

Utility rates continue to increase at an alarming rate. According to Mrs. Coker, the Coalition believes this situation is due to the failure of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission to protect the rights of the residential ratepayer. The Corporation Commission was established for the purpose of insuring ratepayers against excessive costs. However, the Coalition feels that the Corporation Commission has done little to alleviate the burden the residential ratepayers are bearing.

The "bankruptcy" premise on which utility companies have requested and obtained rate increases in invalid due to; PSO's profits are up 18.6%, OG&E up 17.2%, ONG up 8%, and Southwestern Bell had, approximately, a 17% increase.

DEAR MUSCOGEE NATION NEWS:

I recently had opportunity to view some information prepared by my grandfather, Ruben L. Partridge, about 1938. The material he compiled was apparently based on a diary, or memorandum, authored by his uncle, Legus or Lequest C. Perryman. Subject matter included: Genealogical information pertinent to Perryman and Winslett families, Creek activities during the Civil War, two or three Creek legends, list of clans, and comparison of Creek and Hichitic words to English nouns.

Is it possible "Uncle Lequest's" diary is still in existence? If so, I would appreciate receipt of information relative to my obtaining either excerpts from, or possibly a complete copy of the item.

Any information or assistance you can supply in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

My wife and I both enjoy our copy of the MNN.
Leland B. Howard, 811 E. Normal, Springfield, MO 65807

Mrs. Coker urges all registered voters and residential ratepayers to mobilize and support the petition drive. To aid Indian participation in this drive, petitions will be available to sign at the Creek Complex. A member of the Coalition will be at the Complex on every Tuesday and Thursday, beginning September 6, from 10 - 3 p.m. The petition drive will end November 30.

Requirements to sign the petitions are: Registered voter for state and national elections, voter can sign only one petition, and voter must sign name as shown on registration rolls.

NAI TENNIS NEWS

The North American Indian Tennis Championships was held in Albuquerque, New Mexico Memorial week-end. Some of the winners were: Men's Open Singles - Russell Jillot, Winner, Women's Open Singles - Russell Jillot, Winner, Ron Qualls, Runner-Up, Women's Open Singles - Cassie Allen, winner, Dawn Coffin, Runner-up, Men's 35 Singles - George Bluespruce - winner, Lucien Berryhill - runner up. Women's 35 Singles - Geri Redcorn - winner, Pat Allen - runner up. Women's 35 Doubles - Geri Redcorn, Jennifer Wilson - winners, Pat Allen, Carol Allen Weston - runner up. Men's 35 Doubles - George Bluespruce, Noah Allen - winners, Lucien Berryhill, Max Factor - runner up.

During the tournament, Max Factor, of Muskogee and Lucien Berryhill of Henryetta, both Creeks, were elected President and Vice-President of the North American Indian Tennis Championship Board of Directors. Noah Allen, Euchee-Creek, is Executive Director. Plans are being made for the NAITC to be held in Ardmore, Oklahoma Memorial weekend 1984. This will be the first time this tournament will be held in Oklahoma.

The Oklahoma State Indian Tennis Tournament was held August 6th and 7th at Norman, Oklahoma. Results are as follows: Men's Singles: Ron Qualls, winner; Bruce Harjo, runner up. Men's Doubles: Ron Qualls and Rollin Kekahbah, winners; Gerald and Steve Quoetone, runner ups. Women's Singles: Diane Sunday, winner; Dorothy McLemore, runner up. Women's Doubles: Geri Redcorn and Phyllis Berryhill, winners; Diane Sunday and Jennifer Wilson, runner ups. Mixed Doubles: Charley and Geri Redcorn, winners; Leon and Ellen Hawzipta, runner ups.



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PRINCIPAL CHIEF CLAUDE COX WAS PRESENTED WITH AN AMERICAN FLAG by the Reverend Henry Frank Penn, Chaplain and Poppy board Chairman for the Okmulgee VFW Post Number 1189. The brief ceremony took place at the flagpole at the Tribal Complex on August 5. "The V.F.W. has always been cooperative in keeping us in flags and we appreciate this goodwill gesture," stated the Chief, adding "We like to fly 'Old glory' as many times as we can." Attending were: Jack Bevenue, Maintenance Dept., (second from left), and Bob Herrod, Facilities Head, (third from left). A smaller American flag will be presented to Bevenue and Herrod at a later date, and will be flown at the G.S.A. Building.

Creek Nation Receives HUD Grant To Rehabilitate Indian Housing

Principal Chief Claude Cox announced today that the Creek Nation Environmental Services has received a \$630,000 grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. \$500,000 of the grant will be utilized for housing rehabilitation to eligible Indian home owners in the Creek Nation Hughes District and \$80,000 will be utilized for capital improvements such as paved parking, for the Indian centers at Wetumka, Weleetka and Dewar.

Applicant procedure will be initiated with Indians in the Hughes District being contacted soon, according to Sam Whitlow, Manager of Environmental Services. The work is to start in October.

Eligibility for receiving assistance includes; proof of Indian blood (only CDIB cards will be accepted for those with one-quarter or more Indian blood), verification of total household income (applicant must be in the low and moderate income bracket as defined by HUD), proof of ownership of home, warranty deed or a lease agreement for ten years or more, and applicant must be outside a flood area as defined by HUD.

Priority will be given to the elderly and extremely low income households. Environmental Services hopes to provide assistance to 50 households, although the number may

vary due to the total expenditure required to bring a home up to a standard living condition. If a household is currently in standard living condition as defined by the Creek Nation Housing Code, that home will not be eligible to receive assistance under the grant.

The housing rehabilitation work (at no cost to the homeowner) will be done by private contractors. No homeowner will be allowed to do any of the work.

The \$630,000 grant reflects the maximum amount available to the size of tribe in which Creek Nation has been categorized.

Applications may be made at the Environmental Services office at the General Services Administration Building at Creek Nation. If an application is already on file, it should be checked to make sure that all required information is included. Contact Sam Whitlow, 756-8700, Ext.380 for further information.



Creek Second Chief George Miller Receives Ministerial Certificate

By Helen Chalakee

After 15 years of preaching, pastoring, witnessing, singing and testifying for the Lord, Creek Nation's Second Chief George Miller recently received a certificate from the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University declaring him a fully ordained Methodist minister. In order for him to receive the certificate he completed a five-year ministerial course of study of the Methodist Church.

Reverend Miller is currently in his second year of pastoring at Broken Arrow Indian Methodist Church, which is his home church he has attended since childhood. Baptized in 1948, and receiving his Lay Speaker's certificate in 1958 led him to 1965 when he received his Lay Preacher's license and his first preaching assignment at Concharty.

Reverend Miller's first appointment was Big Cussetah, 1967. Three years later a special honor was bestowed upon him by the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, his Deacon's Orders, with Elder's Orders coming two years later. Reverend Miller has served a full term as District Superintendent of the North District and finished a partial term for the Northeast District. He has also served as pastor of Newtown Indian Church near Okmulgee.

Two of the most instrumental people in helping him make a decision for the ministry were Reverend Harry Long and Walter McHenry. Reverend Miller said he particularly enjoyed



CREEK SECOND CHIEF GEORGE MILLER

working with the young people and at one time was District Youth Coordinator.

Reverend Miller and his wife Lucille reside in Coweta with lots of pets. Both he and his wife enjoy the fellowship that goes along with the ministry. However, Reverend Miller said his favorite part of fellowship was singing. If you have ever had the pleasure of hearing him sing Creek gospel then you know why singing is so very important to him.

Children's Coed Tourney Results

By Steve Wilson

The first Creek Nation COED open slow-pitch tournament for children fourteen and under was held the weekend of August 19, 20 and 21st at the Creek Nation Complex.

Twelve (12) teams from within the Creek Nation came to play for the trophy awards given to the top three winners (including individual trophies) plus a sportsmanship trophy.

The following teams played in the three (3) day tournaments: Morris, Tuskegee, Weleetka, Bristow, Holdenville, Creek Nation Security, Sapulpa Trophy, Peach Ground, Sapulpa Red Racers, Eufaula and two (2) teams from Okfuskee Community (Okfuskee and OK TWO).

After three days of fighting dust and very hot weather, Sapulpa Trophy emerged as this year's champions by going undefeated in the tournament. Holdenville took second in the

tournament as they were defeated by Sapulpa Trophy in the Championship game.

Creek Nation Security (children from Okmulgee) were beaten by Sapulpa Trophy Friday night in the first game of the tournament, but fought their way back through the loser's bracket. Holdenville stopped Creek Nation Security's ambition for the championship by defeating them in the finals of the loser's bracket championship. Creek Nation Security thereby took third in the tournament. Peach Ground was awarded the Sportsmanship trophy.

The intelligence and abilities of all the children playing were a very pleasant surprise. The children displayed good sportsmanship throughout the tournament, not only to their team mates and opponents, but not one squeak was made toward the umpires by the players on any pitch or play. They need to be commended for this.

I want to take this opportunity to say a big "MVTO" to all the coaches, parents and friends who worked hard for their team. Also, a big thanks for Judy and Clarence and the other umpires who fought the dust, heat and weariness to make this tournament for the children a big success. We will do it again next year!!

Creek Youth Wins Circus Tickets

Clinton Jennings was the winner of a contest sponsored by Tulsa Radio Station KVOO and Drysdale's that was recently held to promote the Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey Circus, which was held at the Assembly Center in Tulsa recently. Jennings won five free tickets to the circus. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Jennings of Okmulgee, and is a third grader at Westside Elementary.

Resource People Needed For Bi-Lingual Program At Wetumka Public School

The Bi-Lingual Education Program of the Wetumka Public School is currently in need of volunteers to donate time and talent as resource people to provide presentations that reflect Creek culture past, present and future.

The Bi-Lingual program, in it's third year, provides instruction in Creek language (taught in a designated Bi-Lingual classroom) for grades K-5 and cultural study units on the Creek tribe.

If you have extra time and enthusiasm for teaching Creek heritage, contact Bi-Lingual Aides Minnie Poole, Sylvia Baker or Norma Marshall, at the Wetumka Public School, 452-3106 or 3245.



INDIAN BOXER, ROCKY PIGEON with Ernie Shavers, World Heavyweight Contender, at a match at the Joe Louis Arena in Chicago earlier this year.

Creek Boxer Pursues Professional Career

By Kathryn Bell

Rocky Pigeon, Professional Middleweight Boxer, stopped by the Communications Department to talk about his boxing career when he was in Okmulgee recently visiting friends and taking care of business matters. Pigeon has been a WBC (World Boxing Council) professional boxer for two and a half years. He is the only Creek professional boxer and possibly the only Indian professional boxer in the state.

Pigeon's record is 16-7. He is currently ranked by the WBC as 27th in the U.S. and third in Midwestern and Central U.S. Fighting in 527 (winning 486 of these fights), Pigeon has had the most amateur fights in Oklahoma, plus the most amateur wins in the state.

In Pigeon's two and half years as a pro boxer, he has fought such boxing greats as Michael and Leon Spinks, and has fought on the same card as Ernie Shavers. Having fought Tulsa Heavyweight Contender James "Quick" Tillis, Pigeon says his "biggest" bout was against Dale Cook, another Tulsan, who is a State Champion in Contact Karate.

Pigeon, 31, has been boxing for 13 years; during that time (1974-77) he boxed while in the Marines. Pigeon has won the Eufaula Golden Gloves Welterweight Division, and has won two state titles for Middleweight and Heavyweight, plus placing runner-up to these titles twice.

Enthusiasm for contact sports is what eventually spurred Pigeon's interest to go into boxing. Other than boxing, Pigeon is also into Karate, "my sideline", he said.

Pigeon's boxing aspirations are two-fold - "of course every boxer dreams of winning the World title, but I just want to be the best Indian fighter of all time - or to be remembered in the same league as Amos Tiger. Second, I want to be successful as a boxer for my tribe. I box not only for myself, but also for my people..."

What motivates him? "Just liking the sport is my encouragement," he replied.

Rick Coleman, Muskogee promoter, who manages Pigeon's

Oklahoma matches, had nothing but good words for Pigeon's ability in the ring.

"Rocky has drive and a lot of pride - he's tough. He relies on his basic boxing skills. Dale Cook says that he is the hardest fighter to hit that he has ever fought. Other boxers coming up against Rocky agree that it is hard to hit him and even harder to knock him down." Coleman feels that although Rocky is older than most of the boxers, his experience and skill in the sport and his enthusiasm compensate for his age. "If Rocky had have had good management during his 13 years of boxing, he would be nationally known now. But His enthusiasm will carry him a long way. I've seen him take a fight when he's out of shape and on short notice, and still come out on top...he draws a good crowd and has a good reputation among the boxers as a clean fighter."

Coleman commended Pigeon on his positive attitude about the sport - "He has a good attitude about winning and losing. In a 6 or 7 state area, he's of a kind." Pigeon's trainers are John Williams and Jim Pigeon.

The boxer is currently in training for an upcoming 8-round bout to be held in September in Houston, and for a Middleweight bout in England to be held during Thanksgiving week.

In addition to concentrating and training for his own career, Pigeon also works with others in developing their physical skills. He is currently training two boys for the "Toughman Tournament" which was held in Muskogee on August 29. When time allows he trains and teaches children in physical conditioning.

Pigeon is the son of the late John Pigeon and Gertie Treadwell of Dustin. Pigeon has taken up residence in Houston, where he is in the Professional Boxing stables.



Muscogee-Seminole-Witchita Baptist Association Assembly Meets

By Ethel Torres

The Association Assembly met July 11-15 at the Assembly ground south of Henryetta for an Annual Sunday School Convention. This year's theme was "Developing Believers."

There were six camps open, with others camping in tents and in the dormitory.

The Welcome was given Monday night by Rev. George Jessee, Director from Sasakwa Spring Baptist Church. Rev. Richard Pickup gave the evangelistic message each night at 7:30 p.m. Each morning, 8:30-9:30 a.m., a Bible Study was held for every age. At 11:45 a.m. daily, Rev. William Tiger, Missionary speaker, was in charge of the services. Different preachers were in charge of the 6 a.m. devotionals. At 1:30-3:00 p.m. each day there was a WMU and a Brotherhood Workshop with special activities, ball or swimming, for the youth. On Friday, a Business Meeting was held.

J.B. Dreadfulwater served as daily music director.

The 1983-84 officers are; Director - George Jessee; Secretary - Pauline Bamaby, Tuskegee Church in Eufaula; Music Director - Millie Colbert, and pianist Henryetta Marshall, both Tuskegee and from Eufaula.

The Florida Seminoles attending with Missionary Alice Snow, were well-represented at the meeting.

On Friday and Saturday, September 16-17, the Bible School Conference will be held at the Assembly Ground (early Friday and through Saturday evening), seven and a half miles south of Henryetta (off Lake Road).

DEATHS

GEORGE T. WILLIE

Funeral services were held Monday for George T. Willie, 73, of Route 2, Morris at Big Cussetah Church. Rev. Sam Haney officiated.

Mr. Willie passed away August 6. He was born February 25, 1910 at Morris and was a retired pipeliner.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn Willie of the home; three daughters, Maxine Layton, Ardmore; Carolyn John, Idabel; Christine Berryhill and Kathryn Willie, both of Morris; sons Sam Willie, Tulsa; Johnnie Willie, Morris, and Wilson Willie of Skiatook. Other survivors include a stepbrother Joe Halley, Okmulgee, and stepsister Stella Cosar, Okmulgee; 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

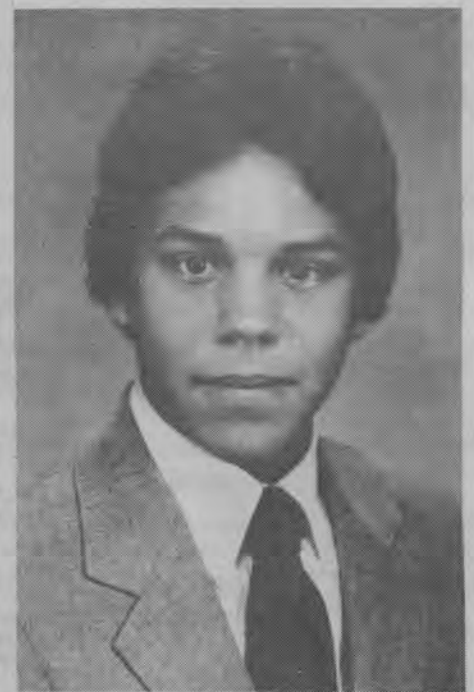
MICHAEL SHIRLEY

Funeral services for Michael A. Shirley, 16, were held at 2 p.m. Monday in the First Indian Baptist Church on North Mission with Rev. Bridge Chuckluck officiating.

Interment was in the Morris Cemetery under the direction of Cantrell Funeral Home.

Michael was born July 5, 1967 in Claremore and died August 26 at the Okmulgee Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness. The Okmulgee High School student had been a resident of Okmulgee since 1979, moving here from Tulsa. He was a member of the Bowen Indian Mission of Tulsa and had been attending the First Indian Baptist Church, Okmulgee.

Survivors include his parents Thomas L. and Mary Shirley of the home at 504 Yuchi Drive; a brother, Timothy Shirley of the home and a sister, Debra Mosquito, Mounds.



JOHNNY M. BROWN

Johnny M. Brown, Jr., Catoosa, will attend Northeastern State University this fall. Johnny was awarded a Higher Education Scholarship from Creek Nation. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, Catoosa and the grandson of Mary Scott and Grace Overman, both of Eufaula.



TWINS CELEBRATE THIRD BIRTHDAY--Jennifer and Valerie Taryole, identical twin daughters of Ken and Darlene Taryole, celebrated their third birthday on Sunday, August 14. Maternal grandparents are John and Nancy Frank of Okemah. Paternal grandparents are Van and Sophia Taryole of Okemah.

DEMOCRATIC WORKSHOP

The Democratic Party of Oklahoma announced today that in preparation for the 1984 Democratic National Convention a series of workshops on the delegate selection process would be held this fall.

The workshops will be held across the state.

Listed below are the times and locations for the workshops:

1st District: September 24, 2 p.m., Aaronson Auditorium, Tulsa County Library, 4th and Denver Strts.

2nd District: September 10, Western Hills Lodge, 3 p.m.

3rd District: October 29, 2 p.m., Bob Lee Kidd Civic Center, Poteau.

4th District: October 1, 2 p.m., Fairgrounds, Chickasha.

5th and 6th Districts: October 15, 9:30 p.m., Oklahoma City Hilton Inn, Meridian and I-40.

6th District: September 17, 10 a.m., Northwestern University, Alva Student Union Lounge and October 22, 10 a.m., Express Bank, Gary Freeway and Highway 183, Clinton.

For more information contact the Democratic Party of Oklahoma State Headquarters, 1100 Classen Drive, Suite 109, Oklahoma City, OK (405) 236-3366.



LEAH WASHINGTON

Creek Girl Wins State Base Running Trophy

Leah Washington won the State Base Running Trophy this past July at the Annual All Indian Women's Fastpitch Softball tournament, held in Oklahoma City. She competed in the 8 and under division with the best time of 13.2 seconds.

Leah is 8 years old and is in the third grade at Tony Goetz Elementary School in Muskogee. She is the daughter of Mike and Janelle Washington. Her grandparents are; E.D.(Dock) and Millie Yardy, Henryetta, and Bill and Susie Washington of Muskogee.



MATTIE LONG

Creek Teacher Receives Renewal Of CDA Credential

Mattie Long, Jenks, has been awarded a renewal of her Child Development Associate Credential in recognition of outstanding work with pre-school children in a group setting.

Mrs. Long, Creek, has been a pre-school teacher for Deep Fork Community Action Head Start since 1974.

Every candidate for the CDA Credential is assessed by a team of four persons including three from the local community. The team members observe the candidate working with children and evaluate the caregiver's competence in six areas. These areas range from establishing and maintaining a safe and healthy learning environment to advancing the child's physical and intellectual growth.

Weleetka Indian Community

By Ethel Torres

The Weleetka Center held their monthly meeting Thursday night, July 28 with a covered dish dinner prepared by some of the ladies. Guests were; Representative Carney Roberts and, Creek Nation Communications Specialist Gary Robinson, who presented a video update on the tribe's programs for the past ten years.

Nettie Scott, Chairman, brought the meeting to order and Carney spoke on all on-going programs and future programs.

On Monday, Mary Hobia and some of the parents, had a food sale at the Complex to raise expenses for the Weleetka Indian Ball team (13 years and under), sponsored by the Weleetka Center to enter the ball tournament at the Okmulgee Complex August 18-19-20.

Approximately 60 adults and children attended the Back-To-School Swim Party at the Okemah pool, Thursday, August 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m.,

with a picnic sponsored by the Indian Center.

Fifteen adult community members went to Eureka Springs in two vans Saturday, August 13 to see the "Passion Play" (the last week of Christ's life from Palm Sunday to the Cross). A picnic was enjoyed along the way. Sunday was spent sight-seeing in Eureka Springs. Time was spent at the "Bible Museum" and "Christ Only Museum". Reservations had been made at Ozarka Lodge.



COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

The first of ten workshops was recently held at the Hanna School Cafeteria. The workshops, under the supervision of Steven Landsberry, Community Planner, will provide interesting and informative material on the different services and programs available to Creek people.

Five Creek Nation speakers attended the Hanna workshop; Thomas Botone, Land Operations Analyst, Joe Nunn, Land Operations Manager, Carl Cantrell, Financial Officer, Helen Coon, Field Caseworker, and Bill Killingsworth, Creek Nation Agricultural representative.

Thomas Botone presented the topic "Animal and Pet Care", which dealt with livestock and pet problems and what to do about them (e.g.) tick and flea, parasite infestation.

Joe Nunn gave an informative presentation on leasing, renting and agreements and contracts. Also discussed were subjects of interest to landowners and other real estate concerns.

Carl Cantrell, Creek Nation Financial Officer discussed credit and finance, as well as services available at Creek Nation, in the area of finances.

The Indian Child Welfare Act was discussed by Helen Coon, complete with an explanation of the detailed terms, provisions and guidelines pertaining to the Act.

Bill Killingsworth gave a timely discussion on the Creek Nation Agribusiness and the Creek Nation Feed Mill and its importance to Creek Nation and to the Dustin area.

In closing, the Creek Nation speakers wish to thank all of the people who attended and for their participation in the first Community Workshop.

The schedule, which is subject to change, is as follows:

September 6 - Wetumka Indian Community Center - Wetumka - 7:00 p.m.

September 8 - Castle Indian Community Center - Castle - 7:30 p.m.

September 12 - Okmulgee Indian Center - Okmulgee - 7:00 p.m.

September 13 - Prairie Bell School - Morris - 7:30 p.m.

September 15 - Eufaula Boarding School Cafeteria - 7:00 p.m.

September 19 - Fife Memorial Church, 901 E. Okmulgee - Muskogee - 7:30 p.m.

Workshop topics include; Land Use Planning, Home Improvements, Animal and Pet Care, Home Health, Credit and Finance, Social Services, Employment Assistance, Creek Nation Agribusiness, Commodity Food Preparation, and Child Welfare.

For more information, call Steve Landsberry, 756-8700, Ext. 346.



DR. ROGER CANARD

Dr. Canard Receives Chiropractic Award

Dr. Roger Canard, an established chiropractor in Dallas, Texas, recently received the President's Award for his Chiropractic service. He received the award at the Texas Chiropractor Association's Annual Convention in Fort Worth. Dr. Canard was installed as President of the society in December, 1972.

The President's Award has been given only four times in the last twelve years.

Dr. and Mrs. Canard and children, Jason and Sherry, reside in Dallas.

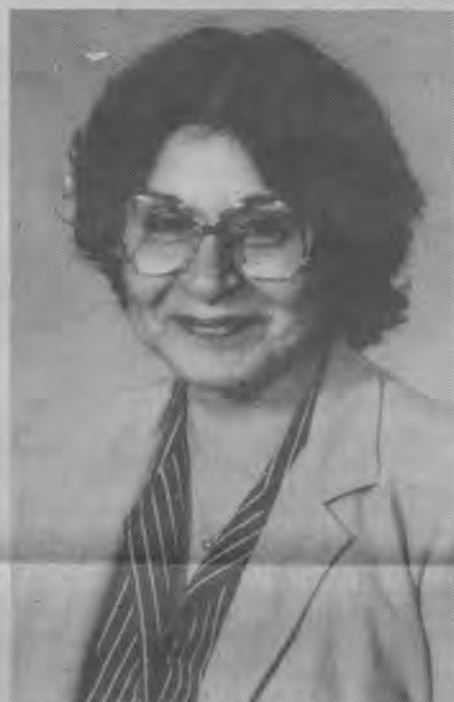
Dr. Canard is the son of the late Amos Canard, and Leona Canard, former Weleetkans. He is the grandson of Mrs. Arline Coleman, Weleetka.

Freeman Family Have Reunion

August 6, 1983, marked a day for the Freeman family to remember, when all gathered to visit and get acquainted. A covered dish dinner was served at 12 noon at the Okmulgee Indian Community Building, followed by family photos taken and visiting.

Jess and Margaret Freeman and their children planned the family get together, inviting other members of the Freeman families to join in the festive occasion.

Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Jess Freeman, Okmulgee, Mr. and Mrs. Spy Freeman, Claremore, Mr. and Mrs. John Stand, Jan, Joanna and Lindsay, Tulsa, Mrs. Eliza Mae Hicks, Ella and Laura, Henryetta, Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Freeman, John, Ruben Jr., Howard and Michael, Sand Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Arkeketa, Sand Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Harjo and Cody, Norman, Ok., Mr. and Mrs. Richard Freeman, and Mike, Tulsa, Mr. and Mrs. John Freeman, Tulsa, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Freeman, Heather and Scotty, Tahlequah, Jess Freeman Jr, Kotcha and Ruth Douglas, Okla. City, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Freeman, Felecia, Jason and Margaret, Naim, Scotland, Rev. and Mrs. Pat Freeman, Wichita, Ks. and Eric, Okmulgee, Donna Faye Rhoades, Cogee, Travis and Johnathan, Tulsa, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Keith, Okmulgee, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Keith, Josh and Elizabeth, Preston, Kathy Wegley, Crystal and Mike, Okmulgee, Mr. and Mrs. Toby Alexander, Mrs. Della Beaver, Morris, Perry Beaver, Jenks, and Oscar Beaver, Morris.



PRISCILLA KAHBEAH

Kahbeah Awarded Credentials For Outstanding Work

Priscilla Kahbeah, Creek, from Okmulgee, has been awarded the Child Development Associate Credential in recognition of outstanding work with pre-school children in a group-setting. The credential was awarded by the CDA Credentialing Commission, which is working to improve the quality of care provided for youngsters in child care centers.

Ms. Kahbeah is a teacher at the Okmulgee Head Start program located at St. Anthony's Church, 515 S. Morton, Okmulgee. She received her Associate Degree in Education at Conner State College in 1978. And a Child Development Associate teaching certificate April, 1983.

She has been a pre-school teacher for the Deep Fork Head Start since 1970.

In an age when both parents of an increasing number of children are working outside the home, finding an environment in which children will receive more than basic maintenance has grown in importance. CDA assures parents that the credentialed caregiver is capable of providing competent and nurturing care. Ms. Kahbeah joins the official roster of over eleven thousand CDA's nationwide.

She is the daughter of Sarah Simmers of Okmulgee.



Elderly Nutrition Program Into 4th Successful Year

By Kathryn Bell

From the time that the doors opened for the first time at the Elderly Nutrition Dining Room on May 18, 1980, countless Creek elderly and homebound have benefitted from the program. Funding that year for the program was \$100,000.

Now, however, due to budget cuts from the funding agency, Title VI of the Older Americans Act (U.S. Administration on Aging) the Elderly Nutrition program has received a 7% cut; "and the program doesn't pay for itself," said Steve Wilson, Manager of Community Services, the program that administers the Elderly Nutrition program. He explained, "Funding has never been adequate for the program, which also has a component whereby we must provide information and referral to our elderly clients - but we receive no funding to do this." However Wilson feels optimistic that, even in the light of the cuts, the elderly who are currently on the program will continue to be served.

"Anytime you can provide a nutritious meal, five days a week, this helps to improve and maintain the health of the elderly. . . they also develop friendships that reflect positively on their emotional and mental well being."

The Elderly Nutrition program has helped to improve the health status of the elderly through a program of balanced nutrition. "Anytime you can provide a daily nutritious meal, five days a week, this helps to improve and maintain the health of the elderly. As a result of this program, the elderly also develop friendships from being able to be with one another, that reflect positively on their emotional and mental well-being. This in turn has a direct correlation on how well physically they feel," said Wilson.

The meals are serviced buffet-style from 11:30 - 1:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Complex Dining room. No meals, however, are served or delivered on Creek Nation holidays.

To be eligible for the program, a person must be elderly (60 or over) and the homebound must also be elderly and handicapped.

Principal Chief Claude Cox, who has had a vital concern in the welfare of the Creek elderly, is supportive of the program; "Chief Cox supports our program - as he has always supported the tribe's programs for the elderly," commented Wilson.

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The foundation for the Elderly Nutrition program was laid in 1978-79 when Creek Nation Community workers took an active role in behalf of the welfare and well-being of Creek elderly, explained Wilson. "The community workers organized special dinners at the holidays (Christmas, Thanksgiving, Easter etc.) for the elderly." From that point interest in programs benefitting the Creek elderly became a priority.

Wilson feels that the program is in keeping with the tribe's traditions of concern for the elderly - "We should have this type of services for our older ones simply out of our respect for them." Wilson also cited the difference in attitude that the elderly have about accepting such services as the Elderly Nutrition, "They don't come in with a demanding attitude for service. They come in, ask for help, and when they are informed that they will receive that assistance - they are touched. Some will cry. Our elderly genuinely appreciate the assistance you give them."

"Our elderly genuinely appreciate the assistance you give them."

Prior to 1979, Indian tribes were not given direct funding for nutrition programs, according to Wilson - "Then a nationwide effort was made to push for direct funding for Indian nutrition

programs. Even though the states had money for nutrition sites, Indians would not go to these sites. One factor in their hesitation to go was due to the environment of these non-Indian centers. Our people would rather be with their own people." Citing another example, Wilson added that although there are elderly nutrition sites at Morris and Eufaula, for which the Creek elderly are eligible, they would not participate - "and yet we are serving 75 people a day here at the Dining Room and we are delivering 52 homebound meals."

TITLE VI BACKGROUND

There are currently 14 grantees under Title VI in Oklahoma, with our state having the most grantees. Although only six million dollars was appropriated nationwide to 88 tribes for Elderly Nutrition programs (which is a sad commentary on the part of the government to recognize the uniqueness of older Indian people) the Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging has served as a model program and has been used by the state of Washington in developing their program.

PROGRAM GOALS

"Our goal this year was to serve 18,000 hot meals - out of which 10,000 were designated as homebound meals. We have exceeded this goal," said Wilson.

During the months of April, May and June, program statistics show that an average of 1615 meals were served at the Complex Dining Room and that 2,898 homebound meals were delivered to Creek elderly in Okmulgee County.

"Our staff has an understanding of our people and a deep sense of commitment to them..."

The successful completion of the Elderly Nutrition goals is due, largely to a qualified staff who are sensitive to the unique needs of Indian elderly.

Chiquita Juneau, Activities Coordinator for the Elderly Nutrition Program directs activities that provide the Elderly with opportunities that help increase their political and social awareness; "Our recent trips have ranged in going to hear the Governor speak to attending Indian Affairs Commission meetings. These activities and opportunities help the elderly to better understand elderly concerns such as Social Security, health issues, as well as political information. It gives them first-hand knowledge of these matters."

Helen Coon, Child Welfare Caseworker in the Community Development program also closely correlates her work with the Elderly Nutrition Program. Helen comes in contact with the elderly through the work she does as caseworker with the Indian Child Welfare program and the placement of these children into homes, of which a large number are placed into the extended family - the grandparents. In her role as caseworker, she provides referral to resources to the grandparents that will benefit the child placed in that home.

While dedication is a highly visible characteristic of the Elderly Nutrition staff, so is their genuine concern for the Creek elders.

Shirley Thomas, Kitchen Technician for the program, not only is involved with the elderly in an employment capacity, but she also volunteers unselfishly of her time to help with the food



SHIRLEY THOMAS, Kitchen Technician, goes about her duties with the experience of having been with the program since its start and an attitude that makes her routine job a unique one.



Stirring up a nutritious meal is Elderly Nutrition Kitchen Technician Lucille Bear.

preparation for the elderly organizations Bingo games and other functions they have. She doesn't mind the added responsibility - "They appreciate every little thing that you do for them," she said.

Others equally involved in the Elderly Nutrition Program, and having a part in its success, are; Stella Roberts, Community Technician; Emma Bruner, Secretary; and Kitchen Technicians; Jimmie Jones, Lucille Bear, and Liza Berryhill. Manager Wilson commended them all; "All of my staff are not only qualified for their jobs with the elderly, but they also have an understanding of our people and a deep sense of commitment to them..."

Concluding, Wilson expressed his concern at the prospect of future funding being cut off, but feels if that happens, there may be a recourse in tribal funding to operate this highly successful program in the future.

Navajo Indian Quarter Horse Racing To Be Featured At Window Rock

The 1983 edition will feature some of the finest American Indian quarter horses at the Window Rock fairgrounds race track on September 9, 10, & 11. Top horsemen and trainers are expected from Oklahoma, South Dakota, New Mexico, Montana and Arizona. Preliminary qualifying races will be held on Friday and Saturday starting at 9:00 a.m. and Championship races on Sunday afternoon. The Tribal Chairman's Cup Race and Miss Navajo Nation Futurity will be the featured races during the 3-day race meet. Races will include 3/8 mile, 1/4 mile, 1/2 mile, 220 yards, and 220 yards (open), with an optional cowboys quarter horse race.

In addition to \$6,000 added money, a trophy saddle and other top trophies and special awards will be given to winners on Sunday's championship races.

Creek Radio/Journalist Finds 1936 Indian Broadcast Recordings

Gary Fife, a Creek radio-journalist with Migizi Communications in Minneapolis, is trying to track down recordings of a series of radio broadcasts made in 1936 and 1937 and produced by the Bureau of Indian Affairs about Indian people in the United States. Fife was made aware of the broadcasts through a 1941 publication Indians Yesterday and Today.

The Foreword to that booklet includes the following: "In the winter of 1936 and 1937 the United States Indian Service for the first time in its history made use of American radio facilities. Through a series of programs prepared in Washington the Indian Service endeavored to present to the American people the true picture of the American Indian and to dispel certain myths concerning the American Indian that have been current for many years.

A series of programs, each of approximately thirteen minutes duration, were broadcast from 170 stations in all but three states...the programs present a rather comprehensive picture of the historical background and developments in the present day life of the Indian. As a result of these programs a splendid cooperation between the radio stations and local schools developed whereby the programs were heard in classroom."

The text of these broadcasts was used as the base for the 1941 booklet which includes chapters on the Origin of the American Indian; Drama of New World Civilization Cultural Areas of North American and Variation Among Tribes; Indian Contributions to American Culture; History of Indian-White Relations; Indian Religion and Ceremonialism; Indian Industry; Indian Education; Indian Health; Indian Agriculture; Indian Arts and Crafts; Indian Reorganization; and Our Indian Minority, written by Commissioner John Collier.

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Rules and regulations have been established by the Navajo Nation Horse Racing Committee and stall reservations are available on a "first come, first served" basis.

For more information contact: Frankie Marianito, Horse Racing Coordinator, P.O. Box 152, Window Rock, AZ. 86515. Phone (602) 871-6514, 6515 or 6477. Home Phone: (602) 871-4259.

Heard Museum Guild Schedules Art Show

Hundreds of entries, including baskets, pottery, textiles, jewelry, beadwork, kachinas and student artwork (1-12), are expected from across the country in The Heard Museum Guild 16th Annual Native American Arts Show, Nov. 4-9.

The Native American Arts Show is a juried competition open to all North American Indian artisans. As one of the last open competitions in the country, the show is dedicated to the preservation of Indian arts and cultural traditions.

Entries will be accepted beginning Oct. 3 and will be judged in several categories. Closing date for all entries is Oct. 26. The elimination of fine arts from the show (except in the student work) will provide an opportunity for better display of the other categories.

Six judges, including three Native Americans, who are all prominent in their fields, will evaluate the entries on Oct. 29. An awards gallery will feature all the award-winning pieces. More than \$10,000 in prize money will be awarded.

All entries will be for sale. Preview Day will be Friday, Nov. 4, from 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Heard Museum members will have an opportunity to purchase items prior to the general public on Friday evening from 7-9 p.m.

\$7 Billion In Highway Funds To Go To Minority Contractors

There is a potential for \$7 billion in highway contracts to go to minority firms over the coming four years. Word from the U.S. Transportation Department is that Secretary Elizabeth Hanford Dole will throw the full enforcement power of the department behind that minority set-aside provision.

The money for the minority contracts is part of the additional revenue to be raised and spent as a result of the Surface Transportation Act of 1982. That piece of legislation raised the federal gasoline tax by a nickel-a-gallon. Four cents out of that nickel will be used in bridge and highway capital improvement projects, with the funding to be administered by state transportation departments.

Rep. Parren Mitchell (D-Maryland) attached an amendment to that measure which sets aside ten percent (10%) of the funding for minority contractors. With the increased fuel tax expected to raise \$70 billion over its first four years, that translates into a total of \$7 billion in road construction and improvement contracts to be reserved for minority contractors.

In her first major policy announcement after taking office, Transportation Secretary Doe put teeth into the set-aside amendment. She said firmly that any state failing to meet the set-aside will no longer receive any funds under the Surface Transportation Act.

Dole's policy has important repercussions for Indian and other minority businesses, especially in light

of the history of transportation contracting. Throughout their histories, the U.S. Department of Transportation and the various state departments have awarded bids almost entirely to the major contractors in each state. These strong contractor networks have been closed to minorities.

Its important positive implications for Indian contractors aside, the Dole announcement is not an indication that the battle is won. Regulations implementing the set-aside have yet to be finalized and that promises substantial controversy.

Many state government officials complain that the 10 percent rule is unrealistic. They claim that hinging all Act funds on a state's ability to meet the set-aside requirements will lead to fraud and drawn-out investigations.

On the other hand, Indian and other minority leaders are predicting that the funds from the set-aside will lower minority unemployment and supply the capital so vital to the growth of minority businesses. And, they believe the set-aside will also have the very important effect of opening doors to the traditional contractor network to Indian and other minority firms.

The set-aside is good news for Indian firms beyond those engaged in highway construction. As amended, the Act extends the set-aside provision to minority suppliers and service providers such as lawyers, architects, engineers, research firms, food-service providers, sanitation and maintenance firms, and many other occupations which might serve a highway construction or mass

transportation project.

To qualify for contracts under the Surface Transportation Act's set-aside provisions, firms must be certified as Minority Business Enterprises (MBE's). The MBE certification process guarantees to the government that the owner qualifies as "socially and economically disadvantaged" and that the firm has the capacity to accomplish the work.

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation has certification forms available. The forms ask for the following information about the business: percentage ownership and voting percentage of all stockholders who own more than five percent of the firm; information on individuals who make policy and day-to-day management decisions on finances, hiring and firing, estimating, sales, purchasing and supervision; stock options and third-party agreements which restrict ownership or control of the minority owners; former or present business relationships; union status; and bonding information.

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation has begun an effort to seek out Indian and other minority contractors and prepare them for being awarded contracts under the set-aside. Oklahomans for Indian Opportunity has co-operated with the department to stage a workshop on the subject and has assistance available through its Business Development Center for Indian contractors and other firms which would like to take advantage of the set-aside.



JEANICE LEE, recently graduated from Barblizon School of Modeling in Tulsa. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Lee, Sapulpa, and the granddaughter of Mrs. Hattie Barnett, Sapulpa.

Know Your Rights

By The Creek Nation Office of Justice

Indian Land Claims Deadline Set

The Rights Protection Office at the Muscogee(Creek) Nation is available to help Creek people locate and determine the status of original and inherited allotments.

Did you know that restricted property can be lost?

A. Only a maximum of 160 acres of restricted property is tax exempt. If you own more than 160 acres of restricted property the amount over 160 acres is taxable and can be lost at tax sale if the taxes are not paid.

B. You can lose restricted property if you let someone else act like they own it. If you let someone fence your property as if it was theirs; or build on it, or farm it, or run cattle on it, or pay taxes on it - treating it as if it belonged to them, and they claim the land as their own, your ownership may not be upheld. So, the message is: Don't let other people claim your property or you may lose it.

C. A lot of restricted land has been lost by partition. This occurs when a restricted property owner dies and the heirs cannot agree about the division of the property or an heir wants to sell

his share for cash. Generally, in such cases, restrictions must be removed and the land sold and the cash divided among the heirs.

If your undivided interests property are to be partitioned against your wishes, you need to consult an attorney for action.

D. Sherrin Watkins in the Rights Protection Office can be reached at 756-8700, EXT. 212. She can not act as a private attorney for individuals but will be happy to inform or advise you on any question dealing with Creek restricted property.

Sept. 26 Deadline For Indian Claims Against 3rd Parties

Individuals who believe they have a claim against any party other than the United States Government that occurred before July 28, 1966, must file a claim with the Bureau of Indian Affairs on or before September 26, 1983. Examples of other parties are banks, corporations or private individuals.

Categories of claims include claims for allotments, trust lands, improperly sold or leased lands, any claim for old-age insurance benefits repayed to the State out of the estate of deceased relative from whom an individual has inherited, and any claim related to land or money concerning the administration or restriction of Indian lands.

Geoffrey Standingbear, General Legal Council in the Creek Nation Office of Justice, stated that claim forms are available in the Office of Justice or Creek Nation Realty Office. For more information, call the Office of Justice, Creek Nation Realty Office, Creek Nation health centers, the Creek Nation Community Hospital, Community Indian Center leaders, Commodities Program, and through Council members.

For more information, call the Office of Justice, 756-8700, Ext. 349 or the Realty Office, 756-8700, Ext. 273.

Intake Form For Indian Use

For A Claim Arising Before July 28, 1966, But Not Against The United States Government.

MUST BE FILED WITH THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 26, 1983, AT THE OKMULGEE B.I.A. AGENCY

NAME _____ ROLL NO. _____

ADDRESS _____ TELE. NO. _____

TRIBE _____ ARE YOU AN ENROLLED MEMBER? _____

WHO WAS THE ORIGINAL ALLOTTEE OR FROM WHOM DID YOU INHERIT LAND? DEGREE OF BLOOD _____ ROLL NO. _____

1. Do you have a claim against a person or corporation for:

_____ Use of land, water, or minerals without your permission.

_____ Use of property with or without your permission, in a manner that caused damage to the property

_____ Use of property with permission, by verbal or contract agreement but failed to pay.

_____ Loss of property for non-payment of taxes.

_____ Other

If so how much are you owed? _____

2. During what years did this occur? _____

3. Has a claim about this been filed with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the past? Is so, what BIA Office? _____

4. Status of Land:

_____ Restricted allotted _____ Restricted Purchased _____ Restricted inherited _____ Tribal

_____ Tax-exempt _____ Taxable _____ Sole ownership _____ Undivided interest

_____ Trust.

5. Name of present owner(s) _____

6. Legal Description: _____

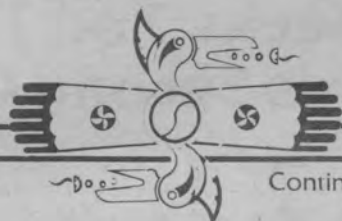
7. Name and address of person(s) or corporation against whom you have this claim: _____

8. Describe the nature of your claim: _____

Signature of person giving information _____

Date _____

Signature of person taking information _____



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Election Code Governs Tribal Election

By Helen Chalakee

The Muscoogee (Creek) Nation tribal election scheduled Saturday, October 22, has drawn three candidates for Principal Chief, four candidates for Second Chief, and 36 candidates for National Council Representatives.

Registered Creek voters will determine the outcome of this election either by absentee vote or precinct vote. According to the Creek Nation Election Board, the absentee ballots will be mailed out the week of October 3. They must be returned to the Election Board no later than 7:00 p.m., October 22. Each return absentee ballot envelope has a designated signature space. Be sure

you have signed in the proper place before you return your ballot.

Unless you are duly enrolled with the Muscoogee (Creek) Nation Citizenship Board and registered with the Muscoogee (Creek) Nation Election Board, you will not receive an absentee ballot or be on the voting list at the precincts.

According to the Creek Nation Election Code: NCA 81-82, Section 1210: "Any person who electioneers within 300 feet of any ballot box while an election is in progress, and any person, except election officials and other persons authorized by law, who remain within fifty feet of any ballot box

while an election is in progress shall be deemed a misdemeanor." So remember candidates, stay 300 feet away from the polls to pass out your campaign literature.

Also, according to Section 1211 of the Election Code: "Any person who takes intoxicating liquors of any kind or quantity to within 300 feet of any polling place on election day shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor."

Any person found guilty of a misdemeanor under the laws of the Election Code are subject to losing their voting rights for a period of two years and any other penalty found necessary by the Election Board, the National Council and the Muscoogee

Nation Supreme Court.

Tribal Security will be patrolling the various polling areas during election day and will be stationed at the Complex during the counting. Absentee ballot counting will begin promptly at 7:00 P.M. at the Tribal Complex in Okmulgee. Creek citizens are welcome to observe. Precinct counting will take place on site at each polling place. After counting, the votes will then be transported to the Complex for decisions by the Election Board as to irregularities or challenges. Results will be posted at the Complex. Final results are expected to be available sometime Sunday.

VOTING LOCATIONS

OKMULGEE DISTRICT

HENRYETTA
Civic Center

OKMULGEE
Creek Nation Complex

McINTOSH DISTRICT

CHECOTAH
Creek Nation Day Care
800 S.W. Sixth

EUFAULA
Old Manpower Office
7024 Forest

RYAL/YARDEKA
Ryal School

HANNA
Town Hall

WAGONER/ROGERS/MAYES DISTRICT

COWETA
Golden Agers Center
South Broadway

HUGHES DISTRICT

HOLDENVILLE
Community Action Bldg.
416 North Canadian

DUSTIN
Senior Citizens Center

(See VOTING LOCATIONS, Page 10)

Chief Cox/Proven Leadership: Stability For Creek Nation



Muscoogee (Creek) Principal Chief Claude Cox

Each tribal election brings about a new awareness of past accomplishments and promised new approaches to old ideas and concepts of how the Creek Tribe should be managed.

As I have listened to other's campaign talks and promises, it naturally brings to mind each and every struggle that has occurred in the past twelve years to build what we have now.

Some of the Council candidates have fresh ideas. If those people are elected their ideas are worth including into the present design of operations. I am very proud of every management phase of tribal business and I personally see no reason for it to be drastically changed.

I have, and will continue to direct this Tribe by the will of the people; not by the whimsical fantasies of a few who stress unproven methods of leadership. Our present form of tribal government, and the administration of that government, is based on common policies which have withstood that tests of time and trial. I urge each and every Creek voter to keep in mind longevity is the key to our success.

Because the Creek Nation has grown at such a rapid speed in the past

decade, it is vitally important that we must never lose sight of what we stand for in the fast-paced excitement of obtaining a better way of life for Creek people. It seems some people think that administration of Creek Nation is up for grabs each time we hold a tribal election. It is my hope and desire these people realize that Creek Nation must continue in it's proven course if it is to remain a strong, responsive government. I am confident that majority of Creek citizens feel this way because they have told me this time and time again.

As I have said in the past, and will continue to believe, your ideas and support are what makes things happen! Once again, I will appreciate your vote.

MVTO
CLAUDE A. COX

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Letter To The Creeks:

ELECTION DAY: A Time To Remember

This letter is written to call attention to the fact that in the near future all registered Creek Indians are to be faced with the election of a Chief or leader of our tribe.

Our present Chief Claude Cox has demonstrated in every way his ability to lead us in a manner in which we have prospered. Many good things have come to the people of the Creek Nation under his leadership. These things would not have been possible had it not been for the cooperation of each and every member of the Creek

Tribe working with Chief Cox to guide us. Our joint efforts have produced a wonderful record in establishing democracy for all members.

On election day it is important that each registered member votes and it is most important that each member casts his vote for Chief Cox. Ours has been a past which we can be proud of under his leadership and it can and will be a future of which we can be proud if we re-elect Chief Cox to lead us.

Sam Dixon

Registered and Roll Number 25802

CANDIDATE LIST**OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL CHIEF**

Claude Cox
Louis Fish
Ed Mouss

SEOND CHIEF

George Miller
Kenneth Childers
James Wesley
Leo Hunter

NATIONAL COUNCIL**Okmulgee District:****Seat A**

Richard Lamey
Bill Williams
Eliza Hicks

Seat B

Raymond O'Hern
Leah Stacy

Seat C

Marshall Hardin
Robert Hardridge
McIntosh District

Seat A

Sandy McIntosh

Seat B

Billy Joe Fox
Chester Scott

Seat C

Daniel Barnett
Jacky Yargee
Charlie C. Coker

Okfuskee District:**Seat A**

Carney Roberts
Joe Smith

Seat B

Bill Burden
Toney Hill

Hughes District:**Seat A**

Nelson Johnson

Seat B

Jonas Dunson
James McGirt

Creek District**Seat A**

Clarence Cloud
John Bigpond
Joe Watashe

Seat B**Muskogee District:**

Edward Seber
Helen Chupco

Wagoner District:

Alexander Thomas
Charles McHenry

Tulsa District**Seat A**

Graydon Flud Jr.
Susanna Willits

Irene Cleghorn

Seat B

Kenneth Palmer
Donna Rhodes

Larry Bible
Ellis R. Haikey

Seat C

Perry Beaver
James King

George Miller Seeks 2nd Term As Creek Nation's Second Chief

SECOND CHIEF GEORGE MILLER shown with Election Board Secretary, **Julene Stone** as he files his candidacy for a second term of office.

Soloman MCombs in the Fall of 1980. Since that time, I have conducted myself in a manner befitting this high office with the pride of a full-blood Creek.

I have always been ready and willing to represent the Creek Nation whenever called. It is a distinct honor and I have personally witnessed the respect our tribe holds with not only the Creek people, but people from all walks of life. Today, we are more unified as a people than ever before in history. The leadership of this tribe has never been in better administrative hands. I am thankful to be a part of this capable team of energizing people.

I have served in the Oklahoma Indian Methodist Conference in various capacities for many years and recently became ordained at Southern Methodist University. My wife, the former Lucille Bible, and I make our home in Coweta. We have two children. I am the son of the late Lewis Miller and Lizzie "Lovett" McHenry. I was born December 9, 1934 in Coweta and graduated from Coweta High School in 1953. After graduating, I farmed and operated heavy equipment. I have pastored eight churches in Creek Nation and am presently pastoring my home church, Broken Arrow Indian Methodist. Every day, my wife and I are involved in the personal lives of Creeks. We have always tried to assist them, and will do so, both spiritually and physically.

I am confident that I have fulfilled the duties in all respects which are required of a Second Chief and I respectfully request your vote on October 22.

DEAR CREEK VOTER:

I have served as the Second Chief of the Muskogee (Creek) Nation since the death of my friend, the late

Letter To The Creeks:

Creek Voter's Are Concerned. . .

I would like for you to publish this letter to remind the Creek citizens of the tragedy that happened after the last Creek election.

The Creek Nation was doing great by providing jobs in the communities, Health Services, Social Services, Housing and Housing Rehab when Council Members we elected turned on Chief Cox and his administration, forcing the shutdown of the Creek Nation. When they forced the shutdown of the Creek Nation, they turned their backs on us, the citizens of the Creek Nation who elected them.

As we prepare to elect our representatives to the Creek National Council, I see that three of the Council Members who caused the shutdown of the Creek Nation are running again for the National Council: James McGirt, Hughes District, Toney Hill, Okfuskee District and Irene Cleghorn, Tulsa District. For what reason would they be running again? To force the shutdown of the Creek Nation again? 125 Creek citizens and families are without a Mutual Help home because these three would not attend a meeting to pass a resolution for the Creek Nation to receive this allocation. They forced many Creeks out of their jobs for months because of the shutdown. Many of the Creek staff who were layed off were community workers who were providing services at the community level to the elderly. These three who are running again did not care that Creek citizens such as the

elderly would be unable to receive such services again.

Once again Chief Cox and his administration have put the Creek Nation number one and we need to elect representatives who will work with Chief Cox in maintaining this number one status and to make the Creek Nation stronger.

I urge all Creek citizens to remember back to what can happen if they wrong people are elected that don't care about the people, but think only of themselves.

MVTO

Mollie and Bennie Wilson
Holdenville, Okla.

**Koweta Indian Community Schedules Candidate's Night**

The Koweta Indian Community will have a "Candidate's Night" October 10, 7:00 p.m. at the Koweta Community Center. All candidates running in the tribal election are invited to attend. All interested person are also invited to attend, meet and converse with the candidates.

The Community Center is located 1/2 mile east of Ben Lumpkin Rd. on North Street.

**MUSCOGEE NATION NEWS**

The Muskogee Nation News is a monthly publication of the Muskogee (Creek) Nation. The offices are located one mile north of Okmulgee, Oklahoma in the Creek Nation Capitol Complex. The office of the MNN is located in the Tribal Mound Building of the Complex.

The purpose of this newsletter is to act as the official publication of the Muskogee Creek Nation and to meet any need of the Creek Nation that is possible through news coverage.

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All editorials and letters will become the property of the Muskogee Nation News. Editorials must be signed by the individual author and include a traceable address.

Deadline for submissions is the Friday prior to the first full week of the meeting of the Muskogee (Creek) National Council. Any submission must be brought by the MNN office during working hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

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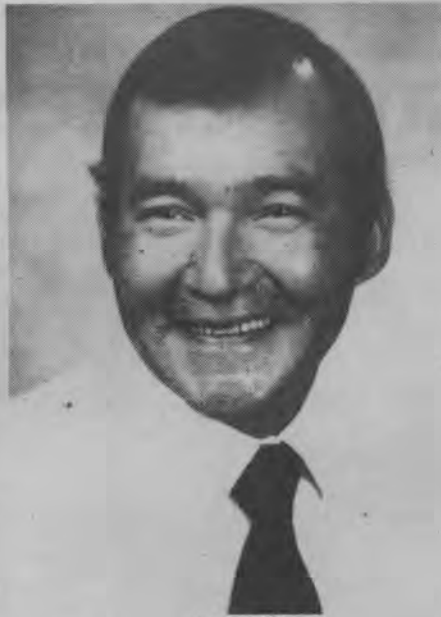
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Edward Mouss



Louis Fish

Mouss/Fish Oppose Chief Cox For Creek Nation's Top Position

Ed Mouss, son of Gladys Stoddard Mouss and the late Albert Mouss, is seeking the office of Principal Chief, Creek Nation. He is the grandson of the late Rev. W.F. "Billy" Stoddard and Lousanna Hicks Stoddard.

From 1973 to 1978 he served as Executive Director of the Creek Nation and initiated many of the programs that are now in existence. He has also served as a member of the American Indian Policy Review Commission for the U.S. Congress, Adjunct Professor at Oklahoma University, and guest lecturer at Oklahoma State University. He also served on the Board of Directors, Deep Fork River Landowners' Association and lobbied against Indian mineral taxation in the "Windfall Profits Tax Act".

Mouss holds a degree in Management from OSU and has completed his Master's work in Business Administration from TU and in Regional and City Planning from OU.

"Our tribal government must begin to assist all Creeks, resident and non-resident and should help every Creek to better his life and his children's future. Our tribe must begin to earn tribal income.

Elderly services must include retirement homes and nursing facilities. Technical training and educational programs must be tied to good paying, future oriented jobs.

Our tribal claims must be revived, and our judgement funds must be used to benefit all Creek through equal access to judgement funds.

I will revive the language work which had been abandoned. Many Creek and Yuchi persons worked diligently on the dictionary and language classes.

I will continue to put in the long hours it took to establish the tribal facilities and programs which you now enjoy, and will work with the elected council to establish an independent merit system for employees."

Mouss, an Okemah native, resides in Henryetta with his family.

Note OF Appreciation

I would like to thank everyone for their kind consideration bestowed upon me during my stay in the hospital. Thank all of you for the prayers, cards, calls and flowers. Your thoughtfulness will always be cherished.

Rev. Dan Phillips, Jr.
Stidham, OK

Louis M. Fish has announced that he will seek the Office of Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation in the October 22, 1983 election.

Candidate Fish, a noted Indian leader, has been involved in various management positions which include chief draftsman with Nutter Engineering Co. from 1963-1975, and has served as Deputy Director of the Housing Authority of the Creek Nation of Oklahoma from 1975 thru 1980. Mr. Fish was instrumental in getting more than 1000 housing units built during this period and worked personally with Indians to assist them in their needs for housing. Louis played a most important role in the passage of the 1979 Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution which has enabled the Creek Nation to prosper, and was also a member of the Board of Economics during 1979. Since then Fish has held the position of Engineering Manager for Alco Products, Inc.

Fish states that our Tribal Government must improve unity among the Creek people by making all offices and services more accessible to the Creek people. He also states if elected he will work to improve and secure economic stability and more employment for Creek people. Fish also wants to assure Creek people that they will be given first preference for all job positions within the Creek Nation.

Fish also states that tribal government must assist every Creek citizen and their families, and must include residents and non-residents Creeks. Services must include Creeks who do not live within the Creek Nation boundaries. One of Louis' many goals will include the availability of health care services for all Creek people, and higher educational benefits for all non-residents Creek people.

Louis is 44 years old and was born in Dustin, Okla. He is the son of the late Beatrice Chisholm and George J. Fish.

Need A Ride TO THE POLLS

Henryetta/Dewar Area

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Miller Draws 3 Opponents For 2nd Chief



James Wesley

Full-blood Creek - speaks Creek and English. Kialegee Tribal Town MEKKO, Clan-Racoon, Clan Father-Bird.

Son of late Rev. Adam Wesley and Polly Wesley of Salt Creek Indian Baptist Church.

Sgt. World War II, E.T.O., D-Day, June 6, 1944, Normandy Beach.

Signed Professional Baseball in 1946 with the old Boston Braves, N.L. during try-out camp in Okmulgee. Braves scouts were Henie Manush, Ben Tincup.

Worked 31 years in Dry Cleaning, ordained to Minister of Gospel in 1956 at Salt Creek Indian Baptist Church.

Served on Title IV-A and JOM Committee, Vice-Chairperson. We were successful in bringing all of the programs up to full compliance with Federal Guidelines.

Reactivated Kialegee Tribal Town, bringing all records up-to-date. Established better relationship among members. Works with young adults in Recreation Area, and is now doing mission work in this area among young people.

ability to work with tribal members and officials. When I was running for office in 1980, I pledged to work for unity within our tribe and its government, once again, I pledge for "unity within the tribe," and if elected as "Second Chief", I will begin by building bridges between the Legislative Branch and Executive Offices of our tribal government, in hopes that both branches of government can unite and work together as one.

As a District Representative and Speaker of the National Council, through the requests of Creek citizens residing outside the Creek Nation program catchment areas, I introduced an ordinance "Supporting the Urban Indian Health Clinics"; and an "Indian Preference Ordinance" which requires that preference in employment with the Nation be granted to Indians", both ordinances were enacted.

November 3, 1980, when program fundings for the Creek Nation was at a standstill, as Second Speaker, I introduced an Ordinance, "Authorizing contracts between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and other entities during fiscal year 1981" which allowed the programs for Creek Nation to function on an operational basis. To this date the programs continue to operate.

During my candidacy for representative for the Wagoner, Rogers and Mayes Districts, I promised to work for a community center for that area, one has been built and is presently in use.

A person is only as strong as their support, I have truly enjoyed representing and serving the Creek people for the past four years and look forward to serving the Creek people the next four years. Your support and vote will be appreciated.



Leo Hunter

I am Leo Hunter 1/2 Creek running for the Office of Second Chief. I am the son of the late Susan Hunter of Eufaula. I am married and have five children and four grandchildren. I lived with my grandmother Hepsey Bear who spoke only a few words of English, until I was 9 years, so I learned to speak Creek before I learned English, something I've always been proud of.

I attended school at Euchee Mission, graduated from Chilocco in 1938.

I retired last November from the Chicago Bridge and Iron Co. after 42 years as a boilermaker.

If elected as your Second Chief, I will attend all of your meetings and get straight answers to any questions that you may have.

With the help of all tribal members I believe we can make a lot of programs for the next four years.



Kenneth Childers

I, Kenneth L. Childers, announce my candidacy for the Second Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Having served as District Representative and Speaker of the National Council since November, 1980, it is my personal feelings that I have strengthened my leadership qualities and proven my

Meet The Council Candidates...

OKMULGEE DISTRICT (Seat A)



Richard Larney

OKMULGEE DISTRICT INCUMBENT

Over the past three years since I was elected to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council in a "Special Election" to fill the vacancy which was created by the people of Okmulgee District, who by petition removed the former Council Representative for abuse of office, I have been fully aware of the responsibility a Representative owes to their voting district.

Since elected, I have never missed a Council meeting. My voting record is open for discussion to any of the Okmulgee District. Each decision I make in legislation is with forethought of the people. I try to work for all the people, not for the benefit of a few. It's a disgrace to the Creek people for the Council to argue over petty issues, to the point of either losing or taking a chance on losing a needed program.

In the past three years, I have seen the Council move ahead without too many problems. Personally, I have become more educated to the problems of the people and through the Council have tried to alleviate some of those problems by supporting programs such as the Commodity Food Distribution Program in a time when unemployment was taking its toll.

Foresight, sincerity and integrity are the most important components a Representative must possess. I guarantee you, those are my beliefs. Because I want to continue to be your Representative for the Okmulgee District to the Creek Council, I am asking for your vote on October 22.

Eliza Freeman Hicks

Eliza Mae Freeman Hicks, 7/8 Creek, born May 30, 1926, at Eram, Okmulgee County, to the late John and Ethel Harjo Freeman. Of the Attussee Tribal Town and Raccoon clan. 1944 graduate of Bacone High



Eliza Hicks

School. Married to Houston Hicks have two daughters, four sons, and nine grandchildren. Resident of Henryetta, Oklahoma. Currently serving on Board of Commissioners of Creek Nation Housing Authority. Active in Dewar Indian Community as Secretary/Reporter; also supportive in activities of Arbeka Talladega Ceremonial group.

"While I am interested in the welfare of all Muscogee (Creek) citizens, my greatest concern is the Okmulgee District and its Creek citizens. It would be my outstanding honor to serve them as their representative on the Muscogee (Creek) National Council."

"I firmly believe in employment for qualified Creek Indians within the Creek Nation, and training programs for those Creeks who are untrained and employable. I look forward, hopefully, to a time when funds for specialized higher education are available to those Creek Indians wishing to enter a profession. I also feel that more provision should be made toward a continuation of programs for our elderly and handicapped."

"If elected to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council, I shall make every effort to report regularly to the communities of the Okmulgee District. My obligations will be, not to any one individual or organization, but, to the Creek citizens of this District. My time will always be available to you. Every Creek citizen needs to be informed of our government."

"Let's all help make the tomorrow more promising for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation by enrolling and registering; and don't forget to vote for the candidate of your choice on October 22, 1983."

Billy Ray Williams

Billy Ray Williams, who has filed for Okmulgee Council Representative, is a resident of Henryetta, OK. He has lived in and around Henryetta all his life. Billy is the son of Irvin and Alice Williams of Weleetka. He has a daughter Pam of Henryetta and a son Marty of Henryetta.

In 1956, Bill graduated from Graham High School and later joined the Army, where he received an honorable



Billy Williams

discharge. "Tribal affairs has always interested me" stated Bill. He has demonstrated his intense interest by serving diligently on the Indian Credit Association as a member, one of its past Presidents, and currently as its secretary. Further, Bill has been active with the Creek Nation Rodeo Association for which he has volunteered many hours and contributed as a business owner. His business, Williams Body Shop, has employed numerous Indians during the ten years he has been in business. It is Bill's philosophy that more Indian businesses are needed and he would like to see Creeks and Eucheas receive Creek Nation assistance in developing these businesses. Anyone who knows Bill, realizes that he is a tireless worker and will devote endless time and attention to tribal business. Bill would represent your interest enthusiastically with experience and knowhow. Your vote will be greatly appreciated.

PLATFORM:

*The Creek Nation should assist Creek-Euchee people in developing businesses.

*Increase the tribal scholarship program.

*Increase the tribal youth training and athletic programs.

*Improve the operation of tribal agribusiness.

*Increase the tribal involvement with Indian farmers and ranchers.

*Increase housing improvement grants.

*Build health facilities for the Indian elderly.

Okmulgee District (Seat B)

Leah J. Stacy

I, Leah J. Stacy, 7/8 Creek, am a candidate for Okmulgee District, Seat B, for the Muscogee (Creek) National Council. I am asking for your vote to be your voice in making your needs known, to get your questions answered, and your ideas considered.

I am qualified for the Council position because of my past experience of working with the Creek Nation as a Liaison Officer for

the Okmulgee Agency Bureau of Indian Affairs. In 1973, when Creek Nation received their first government contract, I was there. I have served since 1981 as a member, and am currently



Leah Stacy

secretary/member of the Creek Nation Community Hospital Board. I have four years college and 29 years service to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, 25 of those years were in the Employment and Adult Vocational Training Department. In 1965, I received ten months training in a special management course in Washington, D.C. From 1966 to retirement in December 1982, I served as department supervisor. I have served on an "Advisory Committee" for the Central Vo-Tech School, Drumright, Oklahoma. I have also been guest speaker for several years at the University of Texas for the "Minority Clans." I live in Okmulgee and am the mother of two grown sons. All my life I have enjoyed working in a service capacity one way or another. I truly want to be your representative to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council and will appreciate your vote on October 22.

Thank You,
Leah J. Stacy

Raymond O'Hern

Raymond (Sonny) O'Hern has announced that he is a candidate for the office of Okmulgee Councilman, Seat B. Mr. O'Hern was born in Sapulpa, Ok and raised in the Duck Creek Community. Mr. O'Hern attended the Liberty-Mounds High School and graduated in 1950 and attended Oklahoma University. Mr. O'Hern has farmed and ranched in the Duck Creek Community for 30 years. His other experience includes owning and operating his own trucking company and vast knowledge of farming and ranching management and is familiar with tribal operations. He was also a member of the Citizenship Board and was employed by the Creek Nation Agribusiness. Mr. O'Hern states his main objectives will



Raymond O'Hern

be to keep the Creek people informed of the policies, benefits, and activities of the Creek Nation. He also states that he will work hard to make the Creek Nation self-sufficient and improve service to Creek people living within the Creek Nation and also to those who live outside the Creek Nation in the areas of Health Services and Education. Mr. O'Hern is a strong believer in the Creek Employment preference guidelines as adopted by the Creek Nation National Council. If elected, O'Hern states he will be present at the National Council Office one day per week to listen to any complaints or grievances Creek people might have and will assist any way his office can. Mr. O'Hern is married to the former Emma Jean Flud of the Conchart Community and they presently live in the Beggs community. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Okmulgee District (Seat C)



Robert Hardridge

Robert (Bob) Hardridge is a candidate for a seat on the Muskogee (Creek) National Council as a representative for the Okmulgee District. "After being approached with

the idea and being assured support by many, I gave the matter a long, hard look and then decided to run for the seat on Council. I am very impressed with growth and progress of the Muskogee (Creek) Nation and want to be a part of it by representing the people of my district."

"I am a life-long resident of Okmulgee. My parents are the late Richard Hardridge and Isabel (Sunny) Hardridge. My wife Phyllis and I have two children: Ginger Ann, two, and Richard Drew, one. We attend the Honey Creek Indian Methodist Church. I am a 1969 graduate of Okmulgee High School, have attended Eastern State Jr. College, Northeastern State University and am a 1972 graduate of Oklahoma State Tech.

After seven years as a member of the United States Army Reserve, I departed with the rank of S.F.C. Training N.C.O. I have been employed with the Creek Nation as an Employment and Training Specialist. In 1976 and 1977, I represented the Creek Nation in rodeo competition as a finalist in the Indian World

Championships. I now consider myself retired from competition.

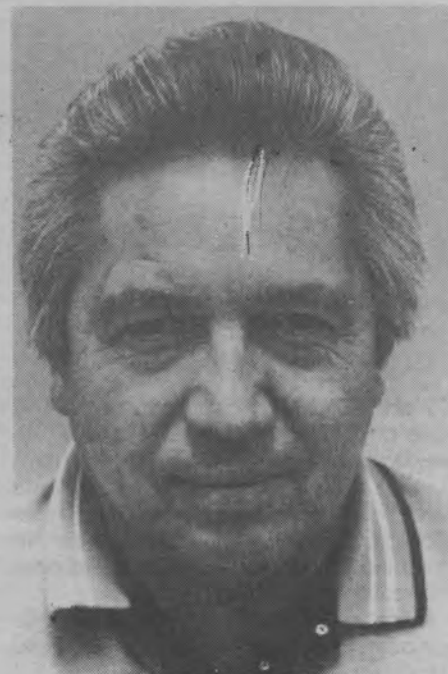
Currently, I am employed with the Okmulgee Fire Department as a firefighter. Through this employment and working with the Creek Tribe, I have experienced and learned many of life's values. I truly believe people deserve the best; especially the Creek people. Sometimes life does not always offer the best breaks. That is why a sound tribal government such as ours is so very important to the Creeks. Through this government, advantages which might have not availed otherwise can now be made possible. This is why I am pledging my services to the benefit of the people of the Okmulgee District.

Marshall Hardin

Dear Concerned Tribal Member:

I, Marshall Hardin, am announcing my candidacy for the Office of National Council Representative for Okmulgee District.

My parents are Mary Deere Hardin and the late Henry Hardin. Enrolled as



Marshall Hardin

a Creek citizen and member of Nuyaka Tribal Town; I resided in the Havdenville area, graduated from
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Okmulgee (Seat C) Continued.

Mason High School and served four years in the United States Army receiving an honorable discharge.

I have been employed in the oil business with major oil companies and have held various positions as tool pusher, drilling supervisor, drilling consultant and presently employed with White Brothers Drilling Company.

Having resided in a small, rural Indian community and in the Okmulgee area; I feel that I can relate to the needs of the Creek people and understand their many concerns.

I would appreciate the opportunity to serve as an honest and sincere representative on the Council by attending regular and special sessions, attending community meetings, serving on committees and performing any other duties necessary to insure the Creek people fair representation.

I urge all Okmulgee District registered voters to exercise their right to vote. Your support in this election is important and appreciated greatly.

VOTE!! MARSHALL HARDIN - OKMULGEE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE

TULSA DISTRICT (Seat A)



Susanna Willits

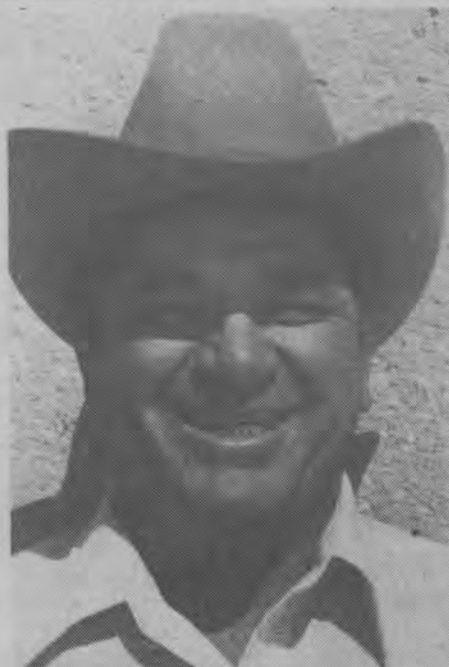
I am asking for your support and vote on October 22 for Representative to the Creek National Council from Tulsa District (Seat A). My parents were Reverend Tim and Annie McGeeley. Although I was born in Hughes County, I have spent the past 46 years in Tulsa.

I am retired from the Tulsa Public Schools, having worked in Special Education for handicapped children. I am a full-blood Creek and am a member of Witt Memorial Indian Methodist Church.

After the Advisory Council was dismissed in 1980, the National

council that was elected took office and some of those Council members immediately tried to negate the tribal constitution. They went so far as to shut down the tribe and even refused to meet to consider an application for 125 needed Indian homes.

My aim is to protect and preserve the best interest of my people and Creek Nation. I believe Council members must always remember they serve the good of the people and they must make their decisions for those reasons. I have spent a lifetime in helping others and will continue to do so. Your vote will be appreciated.



Graydon Flud

Graydon (Rusty) Flud has announced that he will seek the office of Tulsa District councilman Seat A in the October 22 Election.

Mr. Flud states that one of his many goals is to see the Creek (Muscogee) Nation become self-sufficient; provide services to help Creek citizens obtain a better education and improve Health Care Services. Mr. Flud also believes Creek preference should be given to Creek people in the employment areas.

Mr. Flud is 1/2 Creek, 42 years old and was born in Okmulgee County (Concharty Community) and graduated from Bixby High School in 1958. Mr. Flud and his wife Janice reside in Tulsa County and within the Glenpool community.

They are the parents of a son and daughter who attend Glenpool Public Schools. Mr. Flud has been employed by the Gulf Oil Company for 7 years. Mr. Flud states he will work hard to eliminate any waste in spending and to make certain that all Creek Nation funds are being invested properly to receive maximum income. Mr. Flud plans include building a strong foundation and base for future Creek people to build from.

Irene Cleghorn

This election will give us the opportunity to choose a representative who will speak in behalf of the Creeks and Yuchi's of their interest and needs. It is my belief that Tribal Government should become more responsible to Tribal members of the Tulsa District and as a candidate I will strive to bring about that responsiveness. I will represent the



Irene Cleghorn

Tulsa District with sincerity, dignity, honesty, dedication, and for the best interests of the Creeks and Yuchi citizens.

Tulsa District (Seat B)



Donna Rhodes

After serving our Indian people of all tribes on local, state, and national levels, I would like the opportunity of making a contribution to my own tribe, the Creek Nation, by offering my administrative experience. This includes serving on several boards of directors for such community organizations as the Tulsa Indian Youth Council, Inc. (co-founder, first director, and later president of the board); a founder of the Indian Health Care Resource Center (serving on the board for six years and holding offices of president, vice-president, and secretary); member of the Tulsa Indian Affairs Commission; City of Tulsa Human Rights Commission; and currently, Tulsa Y.W.C.A. Metropolitan Board of Directors of which I am the corresponding secretary.

I have served on the Advisory Committee on Indian Education for the State of Oklahoma.

I have served two terms as a Presidential appointee to the National Advisory Council on Indian

Education (NACIE) and testified before Congressional committees on Indian education issues several times.

Education and health are prime concerns of mine for all members of our tribe, whatever their age, but particularly the education of our youth as they are the future of our people; and we are all working for a stronger, better-developed Creek Nation.

I have attended Tulsa Jr. College and Northeastern State University, majoring in business administration (I have had extensive experience in budget planning and personnel management).

I am married and have three children (ages 11, 15, and 19). I was born in Eran, Oklahoma, the daughter of Jess and Margaret (Alexander) Freeman. My tribal town is Cheyarha.

Again, I would like the opportunity of making a contribution to the advancement of our Creek Nation, of which I am proud to be a member and to whom I have a deep and abiding loyalty.



Kenneth Palmer

I am a candidate for Representative from Tulsa District to the Creek National Council.

I am enrolled Creek, residing at 1558 E. 41st St. Tulsa, Okla., graduated from Haskell Indian Institute, Lawrence, Ks. Attended Tulsa Technical College. I am a 32nd Degree Mason member of Tulsa Scottish Rite. I am a senior facilities engineer employed at McDonnell Douglas Airforce Plant number three Tulsa. Prior to this I was employed by J.M. Huber Corporation for 16 1/2 years in a managers position.

I am a member of Tuckabatchee Tribal Town. I served on the Executive Board of the Tulsa Indian Center for two years and was alternate member to the Mayor's Commission on Indian Affairs in 1970 and 1971. This past June I was appointed to the Election Board of the Creek Nation.

I am married to Frances Lee Cox Palmer, one-half Cherokee, who is a graduate of Haskell Indian Institute. We have three children. Kenneth Jr. a senior in the College of Marketing at the University of Oklahoma. Daughter, Tracy Lee, graduated from Tulsa University with a Fine Arts Degree this past May. daughter Haley Jo is a Freshman at Edison High School.

If given the opportunity to serve as your representative from Tulsa District, I will relate your needs to the Creek National Council. I am asking you to support me with your vote on October 22, 1983.



PERRY BEAVER, CANDIDATE FOR TULSA DISTRICT (SEAT C) TO THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATIONAL COUNCIL, and family: wife, Mariam; sons: Brant, Brent and Del; and daughter, Robin.

Perry Beaver Candidate For Tulsa District (Seat C)

In introducing myself to you, I want to say I have never been involved in tribal politics before now; however, I have always been interested in the development of the tribe and the success of the Creek people.

For the past seventeen years, I have taught math and coached at Jenks High School. My concerns are with the improvement and development of the education of our Indian youth. The decision to be a candidate for Representative of Tulsa District to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council came about because of that concern.

To be able to influence young adults into winning attitudes is one of the most rewarding achievements that can be accomplished. For two years, I watched as my Jenks football team

took State Championship, and another year runner-up. Along with these championship titles came rewards to me personally, such as being selected "Oklahoma High School Coach of the Year" and twice selected "Tulsa Metro Coach of the Year".

For the past eight years, I have directed the Jenks Johnson O'Malley and Title IV Programs, working with 250 Indian students. I know their needs and concerns. Being fifteen/sixteenth Creek and married to a full-blood Creek/Seminole who speaks Creek fluently, my wife Mariam and I are familiar with the everyday problems that face Indian people.

My parents are the late John Beaver and Della Mae Beaver of Morris. I graduated from Morris in 1957 and

attended Murry Jr. College, Northeast Louisiana State, obtained a B.A. degree from Central State and a Master's degree from Northeastern State University.

Mariam and I have twin sons, Brant and Brent; one son, Del; and one daughter, Robin. They all attend Jenks Public Schools. I am a member of Big Cussetah Church and Mariam's home church is Middle Creek Number One.

I have been very fortunate to have a supportive family and a rewarding career. I feel my experience as an educator will be useful to you as your Tulsa District Representative (Seat C) on the Muscogee (Creek) National Council. I will appreciate your vote.

**THANK YOU,
PERRY BEAVER**

Tulsa (Seat B) continued...



Ellis Haikey

The Muscogee Nation - where will it be 10 years from now? That is my concern after observing our

progress, as well as that of other tribes around the country. As a former editor of an Indian newspaper for nearly 8 years, I had the opportunity to visit many tribes and tribal enterprises in their efforts

to become "self sufficient." I've also observed that most failed miserably, usually because of ill advisement into enterprises that "smart" white

money wouldn't touch. Some were simply isolated from areas of commerce. The Creek Nation, however, is surrounded by one of the most prosperous economies in the country - land development, service industries, construction, oil and gas - yet we are waiting to join this richness. Through new directions we can have the highest quality in houses, education and security for our aged. These shall be my pursuits as a Representative.

My wife, Gladys, and I, along with our son Ellis III, (pictured), have continually been involved with Indian concerns; fund raising, cultural and social affairs.

Larry Bible

My name is Larry Bible, I am 5/8's Creek, and I would like to announce my candidacy for the Tulsa District Representative on the Muscogee (Creek) Nations Council.

I am 32 years old, married, and have three sons and one daughter. I live in Glenpool, Oklahoma, and my parents are Andy and Joann Bible, also of Glenpool. I am a 1969 graduate of Sequoyah High School in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, and have attended various law-oriented classes at Seminole Junior College and Claremore Junior College. I presently hold the position as Chief of Police in Glenpool and have been in law enforcement for the past six years. In 1980, I was elected to the Glenpool City Council and held the Vice-Mayor position until resigning in 1981 to accept the police chief position. I have also worked for the city of Jenks as a police officer. I feel that with my past experience on the Glenpool City Council, I can represent the Tulsa County Creek people and make the decisions or recommendations that will benefit all the Creek people.

Through my position as police chief, I have had first hand citings at problems plaguing our Indian people and I will strive to see that the Council and Chief provide solutions to these problems. I also believe that the younger generation of the Indian people need to be involved with their tribe and set forth a pattern for the next generation, so that our Tribe will exist forever in a meaningful way. Our involvement now will reflect on our own children later, and this is important.

I will greatly appreciate your support in the upcoming election, and if elected, will do my best to serve the people of my Tribe. Thank you.



CREEK DISTRICT (Seat A)



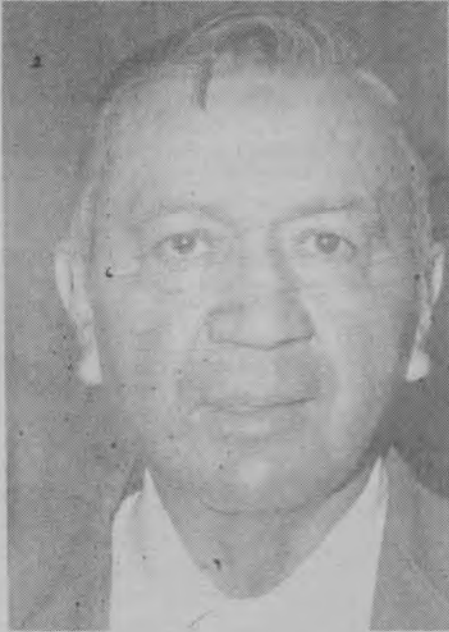
Joe E. Watashe

I was born near Kellyville and have lived in Creek County all my life. My family and I live south of Sapulpa on Pickett Prairie Road. We attend and are very active in the Pickett Chapel Church. My parents are Lucinda Brady Watashe and Wiley Watashe, both deceased.

I attended Kellyville and Blue Bell Schools. I have also acquired 120 hours in law school. For the past 13 years, I have been employed at Rogers Galvanizing Company. I have also worked with the Sheriff's Department of Okmulgee. Prior to that, I worked as a clerk for Judge Childress of Sapulpa.

If elected to the Council, I will consider and do what is for the betterment of Creek Nation and for the Creek District. I am asking for your vote to give me a chance on October 22. Thank You!

Creek (Seat A) Continued. . .



Clarence Cloud

I am 15/16 Creek presently serving as Creek National Council Representative from Creek County since January, 1981. My parents were Bristow residents and I was born and spent my childhood at the family farm southeast of Bristow where I now live with my wife, Lou. I worked as an electrician for 31 years before retiring in 1980. During this time I served as President of Electricians' Local No. 584 for 8 years, President of the Electrician's Credit Union for 4 years, and Electricians' Executive Board for a number of years.

In addition, I served 3 years in the Military service, 4 years as a Creek Nation Housing Authority Board Member, 5 years on the Finance and Credit Board, was Headquarters Manager for the Democratic Party in Sapulpa, and 22 months ago was elected to the Creek National Council.

These past 22 months have been a most enlightening and rewarding experience as I have seen and been a part of the first hand operation of the Creek Tribal Government. Numerous programs have been established and are continuing to grow bigger and better each year. Good leadership is evident in the management of these programs and I'm proud to have had a part in the process.

I feel that I am qualified to represent the Creek citizens of Creek County and my main concern continues to be for the welfare of our people.

YOUR VOTE WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN.

VOTE!

TRIBAL

ELECTIONS

OCTOBER 22!

Creek District (Seat B)

Position Unopposed



Delbert Dunn

As your representative, I will work to improve Communication between the tribal government and the Indian people of Creek County.

I would like the Indian people of Creek County to be more informed and better represented in tribal affairs, programs and in employment for Indians.

WAGONER DISTRICT



Alexander Thomas

I, Alexander (German) Thomas am a candidate for Representative of the Wagoner/Roger/Mayes District to the Muskogee (Creek) National Council. I am 1/2 Creek and speak Creek.

I was employed with Douglas Aircraft for 15 years and am now retired from Branden Industries after 20 years service. I can spend full time, or as much as needed, with the Representative position. I feel I am qualified to be your Representative.

I reside in Coweta and can be contacted personally for any question. I need your support, by vote, on Oct. 22.

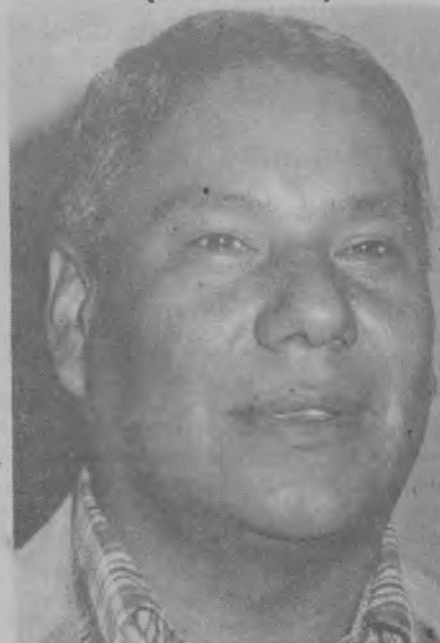


Charles McHenry

Charles "Chuck" McHenry of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, declared his candidacy for office of National Council Representative of Wagoner, Rogers, Mayes District. Chuck is the son of Walter and Josephine Alexander McHenry. He is married to the former Ruth Toh of Ponca City, Oklahoma. They are parents of six children, four girls and two boys.

Chuck graduated from Broken Arrow High School and attended college at Southeastern State in Durant, Oklahoma for two years. After serving two years in the U.S. Army he resumed his college education at Northeastern State in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, where he graduated in 1975 with a B.S. degree in Accounting. He is presently employed by Tulsa Corp of Engineers. Chuck is a member of Broken Arrow Indian Church, where he is church chairman.

OKFUSKEE DISTRICT (Seat A)



Carney Roberts

I, Carney Roberts, announce my candidacy for representative to the Okfuskee-Seminole Districts. In December I will have completed my first full term as a representative for my district.

It has been my goal to "promote the

public health, education and welfare that may contribute to the social, physical wellbeing and the economic advancement of the citizens of the Muskogee (Creek) Nation."

As District Representative I have had the opportunity to display the needs of our people, through the voice of our people, by having input in the development of Tribal Ordinances authorizing services to best meet their needs.

I feel that a portion of my goal has been achieved, and if re-elected I will continue to work hard to promote programs that will assist all citizens, not only in the Okfuskee-Seminole District, but throughout the Creek Nation.

Your support and vote will be appreciated in re-electing me as your District Representative for the next two years of 1984- and 1985.

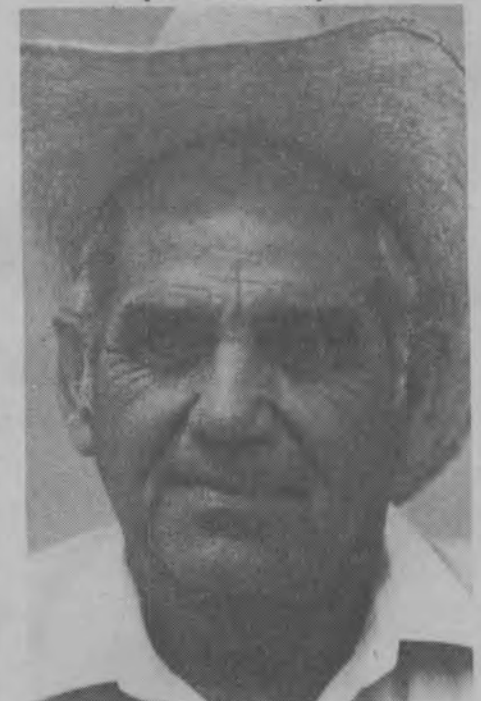
Joe Smith

I, Joe Smith am the son of the late Malley Akfonake and Jim Smith. I have lived in Okfuskee County all my life. I am a World War II veteran, served in the European Theatre. Took part in the Normandy Beach in June 1944, into Germany 1945.

I am a minister of Prairie Spring Indian Baptist Church, located Northwest of Okemah. I was ordained in 1969. Now I am running for Council in the Okfuskee District Seat A.

I worked with the Public Health Service with the Indian Department served the people by putting in septic tanks and water line throughout the eight counties, until my health condition and had to retire.

Okfuskee District (Seat B)



Billie Burden

As a member of the Muskogee (Creek) Tribe, and eligible for election to the National Council of the Creek Nation, I would like very much to represent and help my people in Okfuskee County (Seat B). I'm the son of Augusta Burden.

I've helped acquire the Indian Center at Weleetka, where I reside, and have helped the Indian people with their grants for housing.

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Okfuskee (Seat B) continued...

rebuilding, and remodeling. Have helped the people with their health, and education needs.

I am especially interested in helping the elderly with their needs, and the young people with their education. I'm a firm believer in the education of our Indian Students. I believe that is the best way for our Indian people to get ahead, and compete in today's society.

I've always been interested in the needs of our Indian people. I will appreciate your vote on election day.

Thank You

HUGHES DISTRICT

Position Unopposed

(Seat A)

Nelson Johnson

My decision to file for a second term on the Muskogee (Creek) National Council has been made after much thought and consideration, because now, more than ever before, our people need spokesmen who are willing to work many hours and make personal sacrifices for the progress of our tribe. I know that continued progress in Hughes County and throughout Creek Nation demand not only dedication and sacrifice, but experience.

The future of the tribe is at a critical time. This time it is unemployment, decreased social benefits and lack of educational opportunities. As in the past, the state and federal government still practice social and cultural genocide in their program designs. The programs for Indian people were not, and some are still not designed by Indians. As a part of the law-making body of the Creek Nation we must look not only to our history but to our future. There must be a total commitment of all elected officials to seek ways to become more economically independent. We must set aside or petty jealousies, we can and must become self-sufficient in the business world and also maintain our culture. This blend will be very difficult to attain unless we take advantage of every resource available even if it means a change in our way of doing things in the past.

Each of us must accept our share of the responsibility to insure that the tribe's progress continues and fulfills it's responsibility to all our people. I pledge to continue to work toward the goals of health care, education and development of our tribal enterprises to become independent and self-sufficient.

Hughes District (Seat B)

Jonas Dunson

I am asking for your support and vote for Representative for Hughes District (Seat B) to the Creek National Council. I have lived most of my life in Wetumka. After graduating from Wetumka High School, I attended Oklahoma A & M University. I have

served as City Councilman to the city of Wetumka and am also Mayor of Wetumka.

Currently, I serve as the Chairman of the Creek Citizenship Committee and since 1976, I have served as Commissioner on the Creek Nation Housing Authority. Public Service is a serious endeavor. A person who seeks such a post must be willing to put in as much time as necessary in furthering the welfare of the people. I am prepared to give this type of service in behalf of the Creek Nation and to the Creek people.

I will continue to serve the Creek people regardless of the outcome of my race for this office. Your support will be appreciated.

James McGirt

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This announcement did not meet the required deadline of 5:00 P.M., Friday, September 23, nor was it signed as requested in the information release in the MNN (past two issues) about candidate information. Sometime between the hours of 5:00 P.M., Friday, September 23, and 8:00 A.M., Monday, September 26, the James McGirt and Ed Mouss announcements were placed on a desk in the Communication Department. Whoever the messenger was, and how they got into the locked Mound Building, nobody knows! In order to provide Creek readers with as much information as possible about the candidates, we felt you should be aware of this devious action. At this time, Tribal Security is investigating the unauthorized entry into the Mound.)

James R. McGirt, 48, is the son of Moses (deceased) and Emily McGirt, all of Holdenville. He is the grandson of Willie Cornell, long-time pastor of Many Springs Indian Baptist Church and Sand Creek, Eufaula.

James, also known as Rudy to friends and family, is full-blood Creek and a member of Little River Tulsa tribal town. He attended Chilocco Indian School, and entered the U.S. Marines Corps upon graduation.

Following a tour as an infantryman and communications specialist, he entered flight school at Pensacola, Fla., and received his wings and commission upon graduation from the jet training command in Kingsville, Texas. At that time he was then stationed at MCAS, El Toro, Calif., where he served with various tactical attack squadrons until his release from active duty.

James returned to Oklahoma and entered the University of Oklahoma where he majored in Journalism. Upon returning to California, James gained extensive experience in private sector management and organization as a manager for Douglas Aircraft Company, Long Beach. While with the aircraft manufacturer, Mr. McGirt was also active in the community affairs of the Indian population of Southern California. These activities included serving as a member of the board of directors for the Urban Indian Development Association and chairman of the board of the American Indian Scholarship Foundation.

Later, James was executive vice-president of American Indian Enterprises, Inc., an all-Indian firm which operated the Madera Employment Training Center, Madera, Calif., and a number of other projects involving development and organization of business enterprises on reservations and by individuals.

A continuing emphasis on economic and educational progress for the Creek Nation is the primary goal of Mr. McGirt in his election campaign. Secondly, he believes that the building

of a strong, sound government with greater participation by the citizens must also be a long-term effort.

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT



Helen L. Chupco

Helen L. Chupco will seek a third term as District Representative to National Council for Muskogee District. She has been involved in Creek tribal affairs for past twenty-one years. From 1972 to 1971 she was a member of Creek Tribal Council representing Tookeparchee Tribal Town during previous administration, served as secretary of the election board 1969-1971, and she was a member of Creek Constitution Committee to help draft tribe's constitution during mid '70's. She is a member of Claremore Indian Hospital Advisory Board and secretary representing Creek tribe since 1969. She is completing a second term as Muskogee District Representative and Second Speaker.

Overall she has more than 33 years experience in Indian affairs and held responsible positions in Federally funded programs. Thirteen of these years she was an executive Director of three urban Indian centers in Tulsa. In 1972 she was selected as outstanding Indian woman by Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women. Currently serving on the board of Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, Inc. and Legal Services of Eastern Oklahoma.

She says "If she's elected for third term she will continue to work for you, be your advocate to relate your concerns and need to tribal government and administration, promote further development of the community organization, continue to make available information on services offered through tribal programs, and assist you in obtaining the services.

Her husband, Reverend Lee L. Chupco, enrolled Creek, is pastor of Fife Memorial Methodist Church in Muskogee. Her parents are Reverend Billie Palmer, a Baptist minister, and Bessie McCosar Palmer. They resided near Holdenville, Oklahoma and are now deceased.

Helen Chupco's experience and training has given her knowledge of her responsibilities. She seeks your vote and support in the upcoming tribal election on October 22.



Edward Seber

Candidate for the Creek Council from the Muskogee District.

EDUCATION: Majored in industrial management and electrical engineering.

RELIGION: I am the financial secretary of the Bacone Baptist Church.

EMPLOYMENT: I am self-employed as an Electrical Contractor with a state electrical contractor status.

MILITARY ACTIVITIES: Advanced pilot training and served as a radio engineer in the armed forces radio stations.

AIM AS A COUNCILMAN: To evaluate and find the critical needs of the Creek people. To categorize the need findings and emphasize aids to correct the problems. Areas of medicating, education, and unemployment would be placed high in my estimation.

GOAL: To strive and reach self sufficiency.

McINTOSH DISTRICT

Position Unopposed

(Seat A)

Sandy McIntosh

I have filed for the National Council representing McIntosh County District. I have been your Councilman since the first of 1983. I have tried to do my best for the people at my district, and will in the future if elected. We live at Stidham, Okla. our phone number is 689-2944. If any question please call.

(Seat B) Joe Fox

I Joe Fox am announcing my candidacy for Creek Nation Representative of McIntosh District. I am a full blood Creek, 39 years old. Born at Richardville, Oklahoma. I am married and have two children. My mother is Leona Fox.

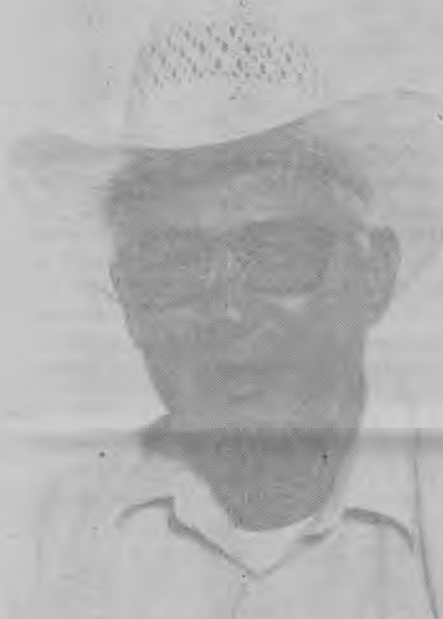
Although I have no experience with the tribal council, I pledge to give 100% effort to represent the Creeks of my District with fairness and equality. If elected I will be available to all people represent. I will appreciate your votes.

McIntosh (Seat B) Continued..



Joe Fox

McIntosh District (Seat C)



Daniel Barnett

I am seeking McIntosh District Representative (Seat C) to the Muskogee (Creek) National Council. I am a full-blood Creek and have lived all my life in the Eufaula area. My wife, the former Jeannie Mae Beaver, and I have seven daughters, five sons, and sixteen grandchildren. We belong to West Eufaula Indian Baptist Church. I received the Purple Heart in World War II and was a prisoner of that war.

As parents, we like any other parent, wish our children success and hope they will not have to endure the hardships that we had to endure. Today, we see the opportunities the Creek Nation is offering in health, housing and education and I feel it is up to us all to assist and protect what we have so our children and their children will have a better chance than those who went before them.

I feel my experience of six years in law enforcement and the success of guiding twelve children to become good productive citizens will let me represent you well. I respectfully ask for your support and vote.

Charlie Coker

Charlie C. Coker will seek his first public office as a candidate for Councilman for McIntosh County on

the Creek National Council. Mr. Coker listed some of his qualifications as having served in the Air Force for four years during WW II as an Administrative Clerk in the Air Inspector's Office. Upon his discharge, he entered Oklahoma State Tech and completed a Business Administration Course. He was employed by U.S. Public Health as Housekeeping Supervisor and during his tenure attended four management schools in the area of Institutional Housekeeping. He retired two years ago.

Mr. Coker stated that as a retiree, "I fully understand the needs of the older Creeks who must live on fixed incomes, and who must contend with financial problems of health care. I, also, understand what young Indians and Indian families are facing because of my previous work experience with the young and through personal contacts. As Councilman, I will maintain close communications with the people of McIntosh and keep them fully informed of all Creek National Council matters. Since I speak fluent Creek, I will be able to keep our older Indian people better informed, and they will know what and how actions taken by the National Council will directly affect them.

Mr. Coker is a full-blood Indian and knows what Indians have to face in today's world, especially the elderly. He is concerned about the difficulties of Indian youth having to live in the non-Indian world and wants to ensure the National Council will do something about their needs. Mr. Coker said, "I would appreciate very much the vote of the Creeks of McIntosh County, and, if elected, will exert all my efforts towards promoting relevant and helpful programs to provide real and lasting benefits to the Creek people of McIntosh County."

Jack Yargee

My name is Jack Yargee, a full-blood Creek Indian from Hanna. I have lived in Hanna for 10 years. I am originally from Holdenville. I am the Second Chief of Alabama Quarsity Stompground. My parents are Phillip and Winey Yargee from Holdenville. I have 8 brothers and 4 sisters. I have attended school at Jones Academy in Hartshorne.

I am married and have two children, 9 years old and 6 years old. My wife is employed in Hanna School as a teacher aide for several years.

I have worked for Creek Nation for several years.

I am running for Councilman for the McIntosh County area. I am interested in helping our Creek people, both young and old.



VOTING LOCATIONS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1...

**OKFUSKEE
DISTRICT
OKEMAH**
Creek Nation Day Care
Creek Nation Housing Project
WELEETKA
Weleetka Indian Center
602 S. Chicksaw

**TULSA
DISTRICT
GLENPOOL**
Indian Community Trailer
Across From School

TULSA
Indian Youth Center
716 South Troost

**MUSKOGEE
DISTRICT
MUSKOGEE**
Fife Memorial Church
901 E. Okmulgee

**CREEK
DISTRICT
SAPULPA**
Old Health Clinic
520 South Adams
BRISTOW
Bristow Village
Mutteloke Drive

Title IV — JOM Meetings Scheduled

The following dates have been designated as Okmulgee School's Title IV-A and JOM parent meeting dates; (please make note of these, parents):

OCTOBER 17 - OMS — 6:30 p.m.
Career Counseling.
NOVEMBER 21 - Banneker, 6:30 p.m.,
workshop, short play or dances.
DECEMBER 19 - Creek Nation
Complex at the Mound Auditorium,
6:30 p.m.
JANUARY 16 - Eastside at 6:30 p.m.
Elections.
FEBRUARY 20 - Indian Community
Center, 6:30 p.m., Community Dance.
MARCH 19 - Westside, 6:30 p.m.
Workshop Meeting.
APRIL 16 - OMS 6:30 p.m., programs
(students and adults).
MAY 21 - To be arranged. Year end
activities.

The Title IV and JOM staff in Okmulgee Public Schools for the 1983-84 school year are: Okmulgee High Counselor - Esther Gee; Okmulgee Middle School Counselor - Paul McCurtain and Middle School Aide - Gayle Bevenue.

Teachers and Aides include: Mrs. Sue Tiger - Eastside teacher, Mrs. Roberta Gibson - Westside teacher, Linda Chuckluck - Eastside Aide, Rosina Johnson - Westside Aide and Dr. Z. Jones and Dr. Dean Hughes at the Board Building.

LETTER FROM EVANGELIST ERNEST BEST

"Behold, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord, which by night stand in the house of the Lord. The Lord that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion." Psalm 134:1-3

We greet you in the precious Name of Jesus, our Lord, and God, our Father. God is truly worthy of praise. As we look back over the past months at all that God has done, we praise His wonderful Name. We have experienced great blessings as we traveled among our Indian people in the U.S. and Canada. Many have been saved and others were built up in the faith and the Word of God. We have seen the great need for preaching and teaching of the Word of God. Our people know very little about the Word of God. Hosea 4:6 says, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." Please pray that God will send forth labors into this needy field.

During our three weeks in Sask., Canada, we ministered on two reserves and in the City of Prince Albert. Three women on Moosimon Reserve accepted Christ. These women had been in bondage to a religion all their lives, but were not saved. They lived in constant fear. As they came forward during the week, I had my wife deal with them. One of them told us that the night she accepted Jesus was the first time she ever had peace. She was able to lie down and go to sleep without fear. Praise God for His power and faithfulness!

While we were at Little Red Reserve, we visited a lady who had attended the revival. She told us that after she left the service, she experienced something she had never before felt. As she sat in her home, she thought how good it would be to know this Jesus which the preacher had preached about. We told her that she could know Him and that He would save her. Tears came to her eyes, and she said she wanted that. She then prayed and ask Jesus Christ to come in and save her. Praise God for His love and saving power!

We thank you so much for your support and prayers. Because of your prayers, God not only blesses spiritually, but also in His provision for us and His protection of us. We have traveled over 9,500 miles this summer, safely. We were made aware of His protective hand on several occasions. While coming home from Canada, on a dark, rain drenched highway, at about 2:30 a.m., we found ourselves literally face to face with a herd of black angus cattle. They were covering the entire highway, the right shoulder and the ditch. There was no way to stop as we were going about 50 mph and pulling the trailer. I quickly pulled to the left shoulder and passed through them. Gerald, who was awake with me, said, "Only the Lord could have made that hole for us to pass through." I say, "Amen, son".

We are scheduled for revivals through the first part of December and then beginning again in February. We are hoping to visit with as many of you who support us as possible during December and January. I will be contacting you about dates.

May the Lord continue to bless you and use you.

Your Missionaries to the
North American Indians,
Brother Ernest & Bennie Best

SIPI TO BEGIN CLASSES

The Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI) has begun classes for the 1983 Fall semester with a 22 percent increase in enrollment over the previous fall term.

490 full time students from 70 tribes are currently enrolled in 42 different certificate programs within 12 career fields.

"This student body is a strong indication of the need for SIPI's vocational programs. After two years of uncertainty over our future, we are now looking forward to stability and growth at SIPI", states John Shendo, newly elected Chairman of the SIPI Board of Regents.

"We graduated 125 students in May and more than 85% of them have been placed in jobs or are continuing higher education. We feel very good about that," he said.

Congress has placed SIPI in the Fiscal Year 1984 federal budget. However, the level of funding the school will receive is still uncertain.

SIPI President, Bob Martin, states, "We are very excited about this school year. In the spring, we will be offering a new data processing major to strengthen our electronics and business programs. SIPI is making positive changes to better prepare our students for today's job market."

In an effort to upgrade technical training, extensive curriculum development took place during the summer months in all of SIPI's occupational career areas.

"We are doing everything possible with the resources we have to give Indian people a viable educational experience," Mr. Martin added.

To provide new opportunities for students, SIPI is expanding on-campus course offerings through the University of New Mexico, Division of Continuing Education and the Albuquerque YMCA.

Traditionally, SIPI has the highest enrollment during the Spring semester. Therefore, due to limited dormitory space, students are encouraged to apply early for admission to the spring term which begins on January 16, 1984.

For more information, prospective students should contact the SIPI Director of Admissions at (505) 766-3189 or write SIPI at P.O. Box 10146, 9169 Coors Road, N.W., Albuquerque, N.M. 87184.

OBITUARY

YAHOLA GIVENS

Services for Yahola Givens, 69, of Rt. 1 Hanna were held at the Hutchachuppa Indian Baptist Church, September 8.

Mr. Givens was born July 14, 1914 in Melette. He was also a member of the Hutchachuppa Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Leona Givens of the home; two sons, Duane Givens of Midwest City, and Joe Bailey Givens of the home; five daughters, Norman London of Tulsa, Joanne Wauadoodah of Asher, Stella Simpson of Tulsa, Aggie Gouge of Tulsa, and Gwen Hummingbird of Pryor; one grandson, Michael Taylor of the home; three brothers, Charlie Givens of Mendota, CA., Eunah Givens, of Wetumka and Robert Givens of Okmah; 17 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

OIC ELECTS OFFICERS

The OIC held its regularly scheduled meeting 9-12-83. Attendance was 35. This was the OIC's Anniversary and election of officers were in order. The officers for the next two years are: Cora Derrisaw, Chairman; Chiquita Juneau, Vice-Chairman; Secretary, Rachel Thomas; Treasurer, Gayle Bevenue.

An Anniversary Dinner will be held at the OIC Center 10-10-83 at 6 p.m. Please bring a covered dish. The Community will serve the main course. Everyone welcome.

The complete reading of the 9-12-83 minutes will be read at the November meeting. All meetings of the OIC are held on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcomed. Please come.

Rachel Thomas, Secretary
Okmulgee Indian Community

CREEK YOUTH PLACE IN ART CONTEST

Creek youth, among the honorable mention winners of a recent art contest sponsored by the developers of the forthcoming "Oklahoma's Indian People: Images of Today, Yesterday and Tomorrow", were: Rachel Deer, age 14, a 9th grade student at Tommy Spear Jr. High at Sallisaw, Scott Lee, age 14, a 9th grade student at Holdenville High and two Wewoka students - Keys Hardgrove, age 11 a 6th grader at the Middle School and Virgil Tulley, a 9th grader at the High School.

The work of the Creek students, who were among 19 Honorable Mentions in the contest, which was sponsored by the American Indian Institute at the University of Oklahoma, who developed the curriculum guide for the State Department of Education, were selected for their excellence in illustrating the content of the curriculum guide.

There was a total of 235 entries from Indian students grades 6-9 throughout Oklahoma schools, according to information supplied by Anita Chisolm, Assistant Director of the Institute.

UTILITY COALITION PETITION

The initial petition drive to restructure the Corporation Commission began on September 2, 1983, and two things have become very apparent to Jorene Coker, petition circulator; "First, many people do not know how much the Corporation Commission controls their everyday lives through their regulating rates of utility, telephone, transportation, and water companies, and gas and oil operations, just to name a few areas. Second, many young Indians and young Indian families are not registered state voters. They do not seem to understand or care about protesting, through their vote, against negligent state and federal governments and their agencies. They do not seem to comprehend their vote is critical to protecting their rights," stated Mrs. Coker.

Further explaining the consequences of an unconcerned attitude about the petition, Mrs. Coker pointed out

her belief that if rate increases continue to go up, utility companies will take larger and larger amounts from everyone's income. It should be understood, also, according to Coker, that every time utilities rise, these increases trickle down to the grocery stores, restaurants, discount stores, and other businesses, who must raise their prices so they, too, can pay their utility bills. The cycle is vicious, Coker feels.

The Coalition for Fair Utility Rates has calculated if the ONG rate increase request is approved, their customers bills will increase by 30% or more, or about \$500.00 more per year for an "average" household. This estimate does not include fuel adjustment costs which would be added to the bill. OG&E is waiting for action of their rate request, too. Both of these companies will probably get what they want since the Corporation Commission has never failed them yet, surmises Coker.

Mrs. Coker urged ratepayers to join in the struggle against the Corporation Commission and utility companies by taking an active part in this petition drive, by signing and/or circulating the petition. To circulate petitions, you may contact the Coalition for Fair Utility Rates at 4620 East 11th, Tulsa. Or, in the future, we can just turn our paychecks over to the utility companies to "divvy up" among themselves. "We will no longer have a voice in the matter."

RECEPTION HELD

September 16, 1983, was a night to remember for Melvin Wacoche. He graduated from Diesel Mechanics. The Newtown Methodist Church members had a surprise reception for him. Present were; Rev. Dan Sexton, hi him. Present were; Rev. and Mrs. Dan Sexton, R.T. and Cora Derrisaw, Janet Juneau, Jess and Margaret Freeman, Eugene and Rachel, Wendy, Tony, and Debbie Hale, Tony Jr. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Wacoche, William and Jesse. Also James Melvin, Lena, Janet, Joanna, Jennifer, Jeanetta and Bruce. There were two delicious cakes, prayer, and anyone who wished to speak could do so. It was a sentimental night for us and I want to thank the Lord for having such nice and loving friends and I would like to thank Newtown Church and the members for the reception. Melvin is now working for the City of Okmulgee. The Lord has blessed us.

The reception was held in the home of Maggie Juneau.

Thank you for printing my letter. I enjoy reading the Creek Nation News.
Mrs. Lori Wacoche

INDIAN HERITAGE WEEK PROCLAIMED

Governor George Nigh issued the following Proclamation;

WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma is proud of the Indian heritage of many of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma desires to recognize the Native heritage that continues to be preserved by tribal members who reside in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, positive contributions to the well-being of all of Oklahoma's citizens can be achieved through the sharing and public enjoyment of many aspects of Oklahoma's Indian heritage;

SMITH FAMILY REUNION

The descendents of the late James Smith met for a reunion on September 3, 1983 at the Middle Creek No. 1 Baptist Church south of Dustin, Oklahoma. Those attending were: Joes Smith descendents:

Robison Smith, Mike and Sharon Smith and daughter Shelly all of Dustin. Minnie Smith Long, Richard, Melissa and Robyn Long all of Holdenville, Ok. Lydia Smith McGirt descendents: Bill R. Smith, Brian McGirt, Wisesy McGirt, Carmen McGirt all of Lamar, Ok. Betty Shackley, Greg McGirt and Tina McGirt, all of Commerce, Ok.

William Smith descendents: Louise Smith McDermott, Lydia Powell of Glenpool, Ok. Lucille Smith Sumka, Jeanette Sumka, Abby Jo Prentiss and Bill Sumka all of Henryetta, Ok. and Diane Grayson of Stilwell, Ok.

Lizzie Smith Gouge family present were: Edna Gouge and daughter Manahwee Deere both of Okemah, Ok.

Other friends and relatives present were: Wesley Johnson, Roman Bruner, Nora Bruner Smith, Bessie Fixaco Bruner, Pete Johnson, Mary Johnson Powell, Lizzie Smith Johnson, Raymond McGirt, Johnson and Christine Roberts and daughters Mina and Nellie, grandson Jeremy, Myron and Chris Sekayhuma and grandson Jayson, George, and Francis Polecat and sons Joseph, Jeremy, and daughters Amanda and Rebekah, Joe Grayson, James Roberts.

Some plans were made for the 1984 reunion, so if you would like to be placed on the mailing list or if you need information contact: Minnie Long in Holdenville, Johnson Roberts in Dustin at (918) 656-3332, or Diana Grayson, 313 West Chestnut, Stilwell, OK, telephone (918) 696-6996.

GOSPEL SINGINGS

There will be two Gospel Singings held in October - they are; Gospel Singing at Oakhurst Indian Fellowship Baptist Church, 6130 South 58th W. Avenue in Oakhurst on October 15, from 7:30 p.m. - 9. All groups are welcome, and there will be a Food Sale. The M.C. will be Robert Jones, Muskogee Sounds, Muskogee, OK. "LET US SING UNTO THE LORD, A SONG OF PRAISE."

The Yardeka Community Buildings at Henryetta, will be the site of another Gospel Singing to be held Saturday, October 29, from 7:30 - 9. All singers, listeners and musicians welcome. There will be a Food Sale and Robert Jones will again M.C.



Creek Nation Indian Child Welfare: Concern For The Children

BY KATHRYN BELL

Indian Child Welfare: an issue of increasing critical concern to Indian people, is making positive strides in protecting the integrity of Indian families and helping to insure that Indian children are placed in Indian adoptive or foster care homes.

And no where is the success of Indian Child Welfare more evident than in the Creek Nation Indian Child Welfare Program.

Going into it's third year of operation, the program has a current caseload of 60, according to primary staff and Caseworker, Helen Coon, who cited the reason for the program's success - "75% of the children in our caseload have been returned to their homes. 20% were placed in the extended family and 5% were adopted by Indian families."

Mrs. Coon feels that the intent of the Indian Child Welfare Act (which was passed in 1978) has had an impact on Indian families, particularly the ones that she works with in her role as Caseworker; "Our program has lived up to intents of the Act - and we feel very fortunate in getting such a large percentage of these Indian children back into their homes."

Explaining the involvement of the Creek Nation Indian Child Welfare program in the court custody hearings of Indian children, Mrs. Coon pointed out the procedure whereby Indian Child Welfare is called into the custody case; the courts notify Indian Child Welfare that Creek children are involved in the case. The petition received, the Indian Child Welfare Caseworker (Mrs. Coon) then certifies Creek enrollment of child. The next step involves locating the extended family of the child. The Caseworker

then makes a home visit to the home to access the problem. The Caseworker then takes the documented information and goes to court with the parents. The Creek Nation Legal Council (Attorney Geoffrey Standingbear) represents the Creek Tribe at the hearing also. Mrs. Coon presents her findings to the judge. "Keep in mind that the Department of Human Services has already removed the child from the home," interjected Mrs. Coon.

During the hearing the parents are presented a list of compliances that must be met before the children will be allowed to return to their home. "That is our primary role - in helping parents to meet these compliances which may include the parents receiving counseling or attending parenting skills classes etc.," said Mrs. Coon.

If all compliances are met by the parents, Indian Child Welfare makes a recommendation that the child be returned to his home. In the case of non-compliance, the child is placed within the extended family and if this option is not available, a recommendation will be made to place the child in an Indian foster home.

However, the priority is to place the child back into their own home. Mrs. Coon stressed that the courts are not the villains in a child being removed from the home. "The court gives the parents every opportunity to upgrade themselves and to comply in order to get their children back. Everything is taken into consideration before the parents rights are terminated," she said.

The compliance procedure is renewed every six months, thereby giving the parents every opportunity

to come into compliance. Community Services Manager Steve Wilson reflected upon a disturbing fact: "We do have Creek people who have no feelings for taking care of their children - we have seen this when the courts take custody of the children. It hurts to see that there are Creek people this way..." That fact alone convinces Mrs. Coon that had these parents known about the Indian Child Welfare program, and the counseling that was available, that possibly, these cases could have been prevented.

Future hopes for the Creek Nation Indian Child Welfare, explained Wilson, include a tribal - state agreement whereby in the event that Creek Nation takes jurisdiction of the child, the Department of Human Services would pay for foster care. "Other tribes have this agreement and we are currently working on ours," he said.

For a more comprehensive Indian Child Welfare program at Creek Nation, Wilson and Mrs. Coon stated that there is a need for more

funding, additional staff such as caseworkers and paralegals and an attorney to work fulltime on the cases. "We need a dormitory setting for handling children on a short-term basis and we need the Creek Nation Court System set up also," he said.

The Indian Child Welfare program is under the Research and Development Administration which acts as an administrator of the Indian Child Welfare program and other social services at Creek Nation. "We try and stress that Indian Child Welfare is not a social service - but that we are here to make the Act work for the benefit of our Creek people," said Wilson.

Credit for the passage of the Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Act is given to Representatives Kelly Haney, Anderson, and Sanders who sponsored the bill in the House of Representatives and to Senator Smith who pushed for the bill in the Senate. Oklahoma is the only state that has adopted the Indian Child Welfare Act in the same manner as the federal law. The Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Association is composed of all of the tribes in Oklahoma with these tribes working in conjunction with one another.

Helen Coon, deeply involved with the program that she supports beyond a 8-5 commitment, expressed the need for more Indian parents to make a greater effort in the care and stability of their children, and in the same respect, if foster care is necessary, that more Indian families would share the love and security of their homes with an Indian foster child.

For more information about the Indian Child Welfare Program, contact Steve Wilson at 756-8700, Ext. 300 or Helen Coon, Caseworker, 756-8700, Ext. 302.

**"KNOW YOUR RIGHTS —
INDIAN CHILD WELFARE" IN
NEXT ISSUE.**

NEEDED: INDIAN FOSTER PARENTS

KNOW THE FACTS!

WHAT IS A FOSTER PARENT?

A foster parent is an Indian person who offers a home to a child who cannot remain in his or her own home. Indian foster parents come from all walks of life, but are people who enjoy children and are capable of providing a stable home as well as warmth and love.

WHY INDIAN FOSTER PARENTS?

Indian foster parents are needed because Indian people have a unique culture and way of life, not easily understood by the dominant society. Our children are raised with different values and ways of looking at the world. Indian foster homes understand these unique characteristics of Indian children.

WHY DO INDIAN CHILDREN NEED FOSTER CARE?

Foster care may be needed because of parental illness or family problems.

Foster care may be needed because of loss of parents through desertion or death.

Foster care may be needed because of neglect, abuse, or inadequate care.

Foster care may be needed to move an Indian child out of an institution and back into a healthy family life.

Foster care may be needed while an adoption is being planned.

Foster care may be needed in order to provide consistent discipline and guidance from understanding adults, who will help overcome socially unacceptable behavior.

WHO ARE THE INDIAN CHILDREN NEEDING FOSTER HOMES?

Infants, toddlers, school-aged children and teenagers.

A single child; or two or more Indian children of the same family.

WHAT CAN INDIAN FOSTER PARENTS DO FOR CHILDREN?

Indian foster can:
Maintain their own culture and identity.

Love and accept them without trying to replace their natural parents.

Give them a normal family life and a feeling of belonging.

See that their health needs are met.

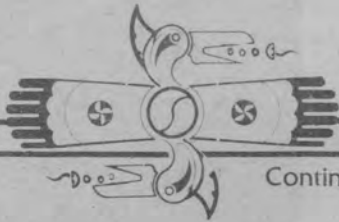
Give them training and guidance.

Provide nutritious meals and good daily care.

Help them to become a part of the community.

HOW LONG MAY A CHILD STAY WITH INDIAN FOSTER PARENTS?

The length of placement may vary from a few days to a few years. Foster care is temporary care and the goal is to return the child to his or her home as soon as possible. When this is not possible, some children may be placed within the extended family or in some cases, placed for adoption.



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CN Run Off Election, Dec. 3

By Helen Chalakee

Over fifty per cent of the 6,745 registered Muscogee (Creek) voters cast their ballots in the October 22 tribal election resulting in the re-election of Claude A. Cox to a fourth term of office as Principal Chief.

According to the Creek Nation Election Board, a Run Off Election will be necessary, and is scheduled for December 3 for the office of Second Chief, Okmulgee District Representative (Seat A) between the incumbent Richard Larney and Eliza Hicks, Creek District Representative (Seat A) between the incumbent Clarence Cloud and Joe Watashe, and Tulsa District Representative (Seat B) between Larry Bible and Ellis Halkey.

Chief Cox maintained a comfortable margin throughout the counting, emerging with a victorious 59.04 per cent of the total 3,579 votes. Voting results for Principal Chief are as follows: (* designates incumbent)

*Claude A. Cox	2,113
Edward Mouss	1,136
Louis Fish	330

In the race for Second Chief, incumbent George Miller held a 649 vote lead over Kenneth Childers. However, according to the 1979 Muscogee (Creek) Constitution, a candidate must receive 50 per cent, plus one vote of the total vote, to be declared a winner. Second Chief voting results are as follows:

*George A. Miller	1,673
Kenneth Childers	1,024
James Wesley	640
Leo Hunter	132

December 3 Run Off Miller/Childers

Voting results for the District Representatives to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council are as follows:

OKMULGEE DISTRICT (SEAT A)

*Richard Larney	350
Eliza Mae Hicks	382
Bill Williams	58

December 3 Run Off Larney/Hicks (SEAT B)

Leah J. Stacey	560
Raymond O'Hern	215

(SEAT C)

Robert Hardridge	586
Marshall Hardin	178

HUGHES DISTRICT (SEAT A)

*Nelson Johnson	366
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(SEAT B)

Jonas Dunson	296
James McGirt	105

OKFUSKEE DISTRICT (SEAT A)

*Carney Roberts	262
Joe Smith	121

(SEAT B)

Billy Burden	218
Toney Hill	154

McINTOSH DISTRICT (SEAT A)

*Sandy McIntosh	548
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(SEAT B)

Billy Joe Fox	404
Chester Scott	222

(SEAT C)

Daniel Barnett	339
Jacky Yargee	160
Charlie Coker	72

TULSA DISTRICT (SEAT A)

Irene Cleghorn	264
Susanna Willits	145
Graydon Flud, Jr.	73

(SEAT B)

Larry Bible	178
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Ellis Halkey	128
Kenneth Palmer	110
Donna Rhodes	85

December 3 Run Off Bible/Halkey

(SEAT C)

Perry Beaver	285
James Kling	217

CREEK DISTRICT

(SEAT A)

*Clarence Cloud	161
Joe Watashe	112
John Bigpond	93

December Run Off Cloud/Watashe

(SEAT B)

Delbert Dunn	310
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MUSKOGEE DISTRICT

*Helen Chupco	137
Edward Seber	37

WAGONER DISTRICT

Alexander Thomas	90
Charles McHenry	77

According to Julene Stone, chairperson of the Creek Nation Election Board, absentee ballots for the Run Off Election will be mailed out the week of November 14 and must be returned to the Election Board by 7:00 p.m., December 3.

Ms. Stone requests of the absentee voters, "Be sure and sign the outside envelope in the designated space. Many of the ballots from last election had to be thrown out because of failure to sign the outside ballot envelope." Voter registration is now open but will close November 23 for precinct voters. Absentee voter registration will close November 10. Polling places will remain the same as last election and again will be open from 7:00 a.m. til 7:00 p.m.

Counting of the absentee ballots will begin after 7:00 p.m., the evening of December 3. Precinct ballots will be counted on site at the polling places and then transported to the Tribal Complex for final tabulation.



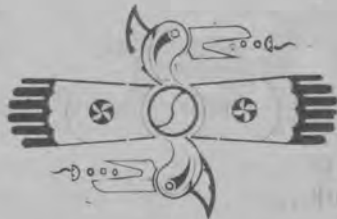
MUSCOGEE (CREEK) SECOND CHIEF GEORGE MILLER congratulates Principal Chief Claude Cox on his recent victory to a fourth term of office. In return, Chief Cox gives Second Chief Miller his best wishes to re-election in the Run Off, Dec. 3.

Newly Elected Okmulgee Representatives Appreciate Okmulgee District Voter Support

We wish to express our appreciation for your support and vote in the recent tribal election held October 22.

We pledge to do all that is in our power to justify your confidence in us. We are further pleased and gratified for the Okmulgee District support, along with ours, for the Principal Chief and Second Chief Miller.

The National Council will be expanded to 17 members, of which Okmulgee District will have three. It is imperative that the Representatives for Okmulgee District stand and work together if this district is to receive its fair share.



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We feel the Okmulgee District has been represented extremely well by the present Councilman, Richard Larney. Of all the candidates for Council, Richard's past performance, dedication and loyalty has proved invaluable these past three years, and will be needed even more in the next two years.

knew what Richard Larney and George Miller stood for. Their loyalty to the Principal Chief, and more importantly to the Tribe itself, has never been questioned.

We appreciate each of you and we look forward to having a complete team on December 3 by re-electing Second Chief George Miller and Council Representative, Richard Larney.

Again Our Sincere Thanks!

LEAH J. STACY

ROBERT HARDRIDGE

Perry Beaver Thanks Voters!

Dear Creek and Euchee Voters:

This is to express my sincere "Thank You" for the support and confidence you have shown by electing me as your Tulsa County representative.

By working together and keeping the line of communication open, we can make our great Creek Nation even greater.

Again, Thank You, (MVTO).

Your Representative,

Perry Beaver

Elderly Nutrition Program Schedules Thanksgiving

The Creek Nation Elderly Nutrition Program has set Tuesday, November 22, 11:00 a.m. for their Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for the Elderly of the Creek Nation. The Service will start at 11:00 a.m. with dinner at 12:00 noon. The Rev. Bridge Chuckluck, Pastor of the First Indian Baptist Church in Okmulgee and Rev. George Miller will conduct the services. All elderly of the Creek Nation are invited.

MVTO

Steve Wilson

HISTORY NEEDED. . .

Dear Muscoogee Nation News:

Can anyone help me on the history of the Derrisaw family?

Statements made in I.T., 1896 by my grandmother Lucy Nolen and her uncles, William B. and John B. Self, say that their mother and Lucy's grandmother was Susanna Berryhill who married Baxter Self. That Susanna Berryhill's mother was Elizabeth Derrisaw who married John Berryhill (born 1754). Their cousin David L. "Tobe" Berryhill stated that Elizabeth Derrisaw was the niece of John and Jacob Derrisaw. He may have meant sister or aunt as Elizabeth Derrisaw Berryhill had to be born as early as 1770. Can anyone give me information on the Derrisaws? Especially the family in early Creek lands West and the "Old Creek Nation" Georgia. What family or Clan were they? I will appreciate all information on this family.

Thelma Nolen Cornfeld

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LETTER. .

TO THE CREEK VOTERS:

Again, I feel a sense of obligation to speak up about the coming tribal election. In the last issue of the Muscoogee Nation News, I was reading the different candidate platforms and could not help but notice the various reasonings the candidates for Second Chief came up with. Now that race is in a run off.

Our present Second Chief, George Miller, has the right idea in wanting to maintain dignity in that office and not turn it into a melee, such as we have seen happen in the past brought about by his opponent's actions as Speaker of the House of the National Council. The importance of the office of Second Chief is comparable to that of the Vice President of the United States, and should be treated in that respect, not used in a vindictive manner.

Our Second Chief Miller's platform was based on his compassion for human dignity and his concern for the Creek people which is brought about by through his ministry and his daily contact with crisis the Creek people encounter. With this insight into Creek lives, Second Chief Miller can, and has in the past, incorporated this knowledge and wisdom into the service areas best needed for our people.

His opponent, if elected, wants to build bridges. He claims there are gaps that have been created in the tribal government over the past few years. Well, over the past few years, he has held a position on the National Council which could have prevented any gaps from being formed and he was also in the position to create those gaps. If a man cannot be an effective leader in one position, how then, can he expect to be effective in any other position.

When a person is an effective leader, it shows in everything he goes about. It shows in his daily actions and in both his private and public behavior. Most of all, effective leadership qualities, coupled with genuine concern and compassion for others, shines through when you are around that person. I feel we have all these investments in our present Second Chief, George Miller.

SAM DIXON

Registered Creek Voter

Roll Number 25802

Springtown Church Schedules Singing

Saturday, November 12, Springtown United Methodist Church will hold a Gospel Singing and food sale beginning at 7:00 p.m. M.C. will be Spooky Wesley and the Gospel Lights.

All groups are welcomed. Directions are, from Broken Arrow: go east on 71st to Oak Grove Rd., turn North, drive to 41st Street, turn East and travel 1/4 mile the church is on the North side of the road. Coming from Coweta: turn North off Highway 51 and Ben Lumpkin Rd. drive to 41st Street, turn West and travel 1 1/2 miles, the church is on the North side of the road.

Gospel Singing Set November 26, Lamar

A Gospel Singing will be held November 26, from 7:00 p.m. - ? in Lamar, OK.

Everyone is welcome - singers, musicians. There will be a Food Sale.



CAROL BEAR

Carol Bear Selected For Gifted Program

Carol Bear, a Fourth grader at Mason Elementary, has been selected to participate in the Gifted and Talented program. Carol was referred by her Science teacher, Mr. David Adair. This will be her second year to be in the program. Carol will be nine years old October 31st. Carol is the daughter of Irene Sands and the granddaughter of Earl and Wisley Sands of Castle.



KELLY ANNETTE COMPTON

IT'S A GIRL!

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Compton, Okemah announce the birth of their first child, Kelly Annette Compton. Kelly was born September 12, 1983, at 1:31 p.m. at the Claremore Indian Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. 4 ozs. and measured 19 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Earnestine Henneha, Okemah and Tom Beaver of Ada. Paternal grandparents are Gloria Compton, Muskogee, and Charles Compton, Oklahoma City.

IT'S A BOY!

Roman Randall Harjo Jr. arrived on October 7, weighing in at 10 lbs 3/4 ozs. Proud parents are Roman and Mahalia Harjo Sr.

Grandparents are Mrs. C.K. Harjo of Henryetta. Harvey Buckley of Wetumka and Linda Taylor of Wetumka.

Richard Larney Appreciates Okmulgee District Support

I want to thank you for your support in the election. On December 3, I will be vying for Representative for Okmulgee District (Seat A).

I am proud to have played a part in the achievements attained by the Creek Tribe these past three years. Through the leadership of Principal Chief Cox, the Creek Tribe has established many programs that required the active support and majority vote of the National Council. The Principal Chief never had to solicit or beg for my support on any program, knowing that I would stand up and be counted on any issue that would better the way of life for the Creek people.

With the council now expanded to seventeen, it is necessary for it to be comprised of people who will work together for the benefit of all the tribal members.

I look forward to working with Principal Chief Cox, Second Chief Miller and the newly elected Okmulgee District Representatives Leah Stacy and Robert Hardridge.

After recently retiring as Police Chief for the City of Henryetta, I now have more time to visit with you and as always, I appreciate hearing from you. My phone number is 918-652-7280.

I am asking for your vote on December 3.

**THANK YOU,
RICHARD LARNEY**

Second Chief George Miller Ready For Run Off Election

I want to express my gratitude to you for your support in the recent election. Even though I received 48.2 per cent of your votes, over my opponent's 29.5 per cent, it was not enough to declare me winner according to our Creek Constitution which calls for a winner to have 50 per cent, plus one vote, of the total votes. A run off election is scheduled December 3.

I want to remind you of the importance of the run off election and how critical it is for you to cast your vote for what you believe in.

There are a few things I feel compelled to make you aware of. First and foremost, as I stated in my announcement, I feel I have performed the duties and responsibilities required of the office of Second Chief. Not only have I accomplished these duties, I feel I have enhanced the office with my manner of performance.

It is counter-productive to elect a Second Chief who is not in full general agreement with the goals and policies which have been established by the Principal Chief. I am extremely proud

of the support I have given Chief Cox and the Creek Nation Administration, because I know they are working for the betterment of the Creek Tribe.

I know the progress of the Creek Nation has been attained through close teamwork with everybody's shoulder to the wheel.

Public service of any type should be done out of a sense of dedication and humility. I simply ask you to check the record of both myself and my opponent. I know my record, and my daily life stands as a testimony to that ideal!

I respectfully ask for your vote on December 3.

**May God Bless You!
GEORGE A MILLER
CANDIDATE FOR SECOND CHIEF**

Financial Reporting Award Received By Creek Nation, Again!

For the second consecutive year, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation has been awarded the "Certificate of Conformance" in financial reporting by the Municipal Finance Officer's Association (MFOA), announced Principal Chief Claude Cox.

"Only three awards were made in Oklahoma this year and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation was on the top of the list before the cities of Tulsa and Stillwater," Chief Cox said.

To earn a "Certificate of Conformance" a government must demonstrate a constructive "full spirit of disclosure" effort to clearly communicate its financial story, enhance understanding of the logic underlying the traditional government financial reporting model and motivate persons and groups in society to read and use the financial report.

"What that means is that Creek Nation published an excellent comprehensive annual financial report with contents conforming to the MFOA's highest standards," commented Chief Cox.

Chief Cox said he accepts the award with honors for the Muscogee (Creek) people and also for his administrative staff who prepared the report.



Appreciation Dinner Scheduled By Chief

I express my deep appreciation to all the Creek voters whose support brought about my re-election to a fourth term of office as your Principal Chief.

I have never before witnessed so much enthusiasm, energy and concern from the Creek people as during the recent campaign. It gives me great pleasure to see the involvement of people at work for what they believe in.

For the next four years, I will continue to work for you. I cordially invite your suggestions as to how your needs can be met and I am ready, willing and able to do anything within my power to see the administration of the Muscogee (Creek) tribal government continues to work for you.

On Saturday, November 19, a dinner will be served at the Okmulgee Fairgrounds between the hours of 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. as my appreciation of your support. I am extending an invitation at this time for you to attend.

Again, a heartfelt thank you for your support, dedication and loyalty!

May God Bless You,

Claude A. Cox
Principal Chief
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Bowen Named Medical Director

Principal Chief Claude Cox has announced the appointment of Dr. Don Bowen of Okemah as Medical Director of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Dr. Bowen is a Creek Indian and previously was Chief of Staff at Creek Nation Community Hospital at Okemah.

Dr. Bowen is a certified family practitioner and currently serves as president of the Association of American Indian Physicians. He graduated from Harvard Medical School in 1976. "Throughout my life, I have personally been aware of the health conditions facing Indian people and I feel a deep commitment with my new position to do everything within my medical knowledge and skills for the advancement of the Creek Nation's already existing, unique Indian Health care system," Bowen said.

"For the past five years, I have been involved in this revolutionary concept of health care which is designed specifically for Creek people. The Creek Nation administrative staff and I have worked diligently on a comprehensive plan which will fulfill every health need of the Creek Nation," Bowen continued.

"Since I have been on staff at the Creek Nation Hospital, Chief Cox has stressed priority in elderly care. The majority of our patients both at the Creek Nation Hospital and the four Creek Nation Health Clinics are of the elderly age bracket," Bowen said. "Many of the Creek Nation services and social events are designed

especially for the Creek elderly, such as the Elderly Housing Project across from the Tribal Complex in Okmulgee. The Creek Nation Grocery Store located in that project carries items of interest for the elderly. The Elderly Nutrition Program provides well-balanced meals daily, free of charge, to the elderly. The CHR's transport them to and from health facilities, they also take care of special needs in medication and special treatment such as daily blood pressure checks," Bowen added.

"A soon to be service for the Creek elderly is a nursing home with in-house medical care and treatment. Traditionally, the Creeks have always taken care of their aged. This is not a new concept for the Creek Tribe, it is a way of life," Bowen said.

As Medical Director for the Creek Tribe, Dr. Bowen's activities and duties will be varied. He will continue to see patients on a limited basis, utilizing this insight brought about through day-to-day contact for the benefit of the health program.

Chief Cox stated the reason necessitating a medical director's position was to provide an overall scope of the health care program to project future expansions such as medical care for Creeks living outside the federally regulated service area, which is now confined within the Creek Nation boundaries. However, with the approval of the tribal trust funds, which is expected soon, all eligible Creeks will be assisted.

Joe E. Watashe Asks Creek District Voters For Their Support

I wish to express my sincere appreciation for your votes in the October 22 election for National Council.

On December 3rd, you will be casting your vote in the run-off election for Seat A, Representative for Creek District.

Once again, I ask your support at the polls. It is my promise to bring fair representation to our district. During the past few years our tribe has made tremendous progress and it is important that we have a strong, active voice in the National Council. If elected, I will be that voice.

As your representative, I have no doubt that I can work effectively with the Principal Chief, Our Seat B Representative, Delbert Dunn, and the members of tribal government for the benefit of our people.

Your continued support and vote on December 3 will again be appreciated. Sincerely,

Joe E. Watashe

Exclusive Interview To The Muscogee Nation News:

CREEK SOLDIER SURVIVOR OF "DEATH MARCH"

By Kathryn Bell

"I have been asked to do interviews on my experiences in the Bataan Death March before, but I didn't consent. . . But now, I wanted to do this interview for Creek Nation. I feel honored to do this for my Creek people."

Phillip W. Coon, Corporal-18052580
31st Infantry Regiment, U.S. Regular Army



Phillip W. Coon, now 64, full-blood Creek who lives with his family in Sapulpa, recalled the day he was shipped out - a young private in the regular Army, full of dreams for the future and ready to fight for noble ideas of freedom, honor, and love for his country.

He volunteered for duty in the Philippines, unaware at that time, as most were, of the three-year nightmare he was about to experience.

Jutting 4,700 feet into the unbelievably blue sky, Mt. Samat on Bataan stood, a somber stronghold overlooking Bataan Field, the Philippines. Set like a jewel in the South China Sea, it was to become the site of one, if not the most, heinous atrocities of World War II.

Thousands of American and Philippine soldiers began a March of Death on April 11, 1942, to O'Donnell Prison Camp. 90 kilometers (56 miles) of torment, torture and indescribable suffering at the hands of the 14th Japanese Imperial Army under the leadership of General Masaharu Homma, loomed ahead.

Out of 12,000 American soldiers and officers, and 6,600 Philippine soldiers, it is estimated that 650 of that number of American soldiers died on the infamous march; 5,200 American soldiers died at the O'Donnell Prison Camp and at Camp Cabantuan. This number does not include those that died on unmarked Japanese prison ships that were bombed by the American submarines, nor does the death toll include the undetermined number of Americans that died in prisoner-of-war camps throughout Japan - but Phillip Coon was one of the fortunate ones. He came home.

"As we were sailing out of Frisco Bay, one of my buddies who was also to be in the 31st Infantry Regiment, Jacob Cornsilk, a full-blood Cherokee, asked me to walk with him to the back of the ship; and there, as we stood watching the Golden Gate Bridge go out of sight, Jacob made me promise

that when, and if we came back, we would come again to the front of the ship and watch as the bridge came back into focus. He made me shake on it and although it didn't mean much to me at the time, I knew it meant a lot to him. So we stood there and watched until the bridge disappeared on the horizon. There were tears in his eyes.

When the war was over I kept the promise. I came back to that spot, but Jacob didn't make it back. This time there were tears in my eyes. . ." said Coon softly.

Coon and his buddies and the rest of the recruits arrived in Manila on October 23, 1941, where they did a rigorous basic training in the walled city. They were then assigned to various companies and battalions. Coon was assigned to the 31st Infantry Regiment as a machine gunner, a position for which he had an uncanny prowess and skill.

It was the aftermath of Pearl Harbor, the Americans had declared war on Japan and Germany and the Japanese were advancing into Manila with their destination to secure Bataan and Corregidor.

General Douglas MacArthur had already left Bataan on March 14 with the promise, "I shall return." The Philippine high officials had also left.

The Americans left on Bataan and those just landing were to keep the hope that help would return.

"The Japanese had landed in the southern parts of the Philippines in December where they encountered the US 26th and Philippine Scouts. The objective of the 31st Infantry Regiment in December of 1941 was to intercept Japanese paratroopers. But the natives on the island had made bamboo spears and stuck them into the tops of the trees - the Japanese did not drop any paratroopers."

The Japanese General made his final assault on Mt. Samat on April 9, good Friday, with a force of 80,000 soldiers. The impoverished American and Philippine forces were outnumbered by the imperial Army.

Inadequate food and water rations, malaria, beriberi and other disease with no medical supplies with which to treat the men, had left the troops in devastated condition. "We kept pushing them back, but we suffered heavy casualties each time - and they just kept coming," said Coon.

"Our equipment was World War I surplus - our clips wouldn't go off, even our helmets were World War I. I was a machine gunner and I had to fight with an old World War I water-cooled machine gun. Our medical supplies, ammo and food rations were low. We had to kill waterbuffalo to eat and even they ran out. But we were young and trained as soldiers and we just gave it all we had."

Leaning forward for emphasis, his expression animated with the memory of the first heat of battle, Coon related, "The Japanese field artillery laid a heavy barrage on us for six hours without letting up. This was my first under-fire experience and I saw mango trees as big as oak trees here in Oklahoma, sliver and split under the mortar bombings.

I feared for my life and I thought I might be killed at any minute. I don't know how everyone else felt, but there was this Zuni Indian, Ed Beyuka, who was the assistant gunner and he kept asking me if I was alright. Our only consolation was that we were with each other - no matter what happened. But we both made it through that first attack and he is still living today."

"We fought on and on in the skirmishes - growing weaker with starvation and sickness. The Japanese kept dive-bombing us and our soldiers kept losing their lives. Then our company's No. 1 machine gunner got killed there at the front line, and I had to step in and take over. It scared me to think about how I was responsible for the lives of the soldiers in my squad. I did the best I could..."

The end of the fighting came on Easter week as the Japanese army closed its ranks on the desperate

American and Philippine soldiers. "We had had it - we were too weak to go on. Our section sergeant told me to pull the gun out of action and to pull out. "We're surrounded," he told us. The line fell.

"Our forces were engaged in different areas of Bataan and there was such as confusion, especially when it got dark. We didn't know what was going to happen next, but we had been given instructions that if Bataan fell, that all the equipment, trucks, oil and gas were to be destroyed. We did carry out that order. Our sergeant told us that he would give no more orders because it was all over with...he told us to look to the west and try and make it to Marveles Mountains for refuge."

In a show of personal courage - the stuff that good soldiers are made of, Coon said that his thought was to try and make it to Corregidor (which was located two miles across the water from the Marveles Mountain range) to help them. "I didn't make it. I was caught on the trail with about 75 other soldiers heading for the mountains. The date was April 11, my Dad's birthday and the beginning of the Death March."

Military annals would later record, to the shock of the civilized world, the brutal intensity and unspeakable treatment that the American and Philippine soldiers would suffer on their march to the prisoner-of-war camps. These atrocities were also, to later bring shame to Japan and dishonor to General Homma. He was to be executed on April 3, 1946 - ironically, on the same date he began his assault on Bataan four years earlier.

"We were herded like cattle down the hot and dusty road. I had no helmet, as many other didn't." The Japanese were adept at administering the Oriental "sun torture" - prolonged and unprotected exposure to the full glare of the sun. "Our first stop on the way to Camp O'Donnell was at Limay.

The sun was setting then and when we got there we were grouped

together. They told us that we could get water. But some who were crazed with thirst and whom the sun had affected, broke rank and began to run for the water - they were quickly shot or bayoneted through.

When it was my turn to get up and get water, I happened to notice an Indian man that I thought I knew, so I went over to him and was shocked to see that it was Alex Matthews, a Pawnee Indian that I had gone to school with at Haskell Institute! It was a joyous occasion for both of us. We buddied up for the rest of the march. He now lives in Anadarko, Oklahoma."

Struck with the painful memory of experiencing for the first time, the wanton slaughter of his comrades by the Japanese, Coon sat silently for a few minutes, regrouped mentally, then continued, "It's hard to think about this even now...the unmerciful killing and that boiling sun beating down on us. My hair had grown longer and I think that helped me to survive the sun - but going without water was another thing.

"We could make it pretty good with little to eat, but when our body began to dehydrate, we would break rank and run for any water that was around. We'd get clobbered and many died in the attempt to get the water. Many of the soldier's minds just snapped - they couldn't take it anymore. Many of these died too."

Horror after horror poured forth from one who had lived it and survived to tell about it. "I lost track of time, days, and didn't even know where I was. My Pawnee buddy kept telling me, 'We've got to make it through.' So we just kept walking. We were dazed and half-dead."

The American and Philippine soldiers were denied everything - even the smallest visage of honor among soldiers - "When our men fell wounded or dead, we couldn't even stop to pick them up or bury them - it would give the Japanese one more reason to bayonet us."

When the prisoners reached the village of San Fernando, they were greeted by the civilians, who were touched with compassion for the captives; "The boys and girls rushed out to meet us with cookies in their little hands - but the Japanese soldiers

would draw back their bayonets and threaten the children and civilians to get away. Any cookies that fell on the ground were quickly crushed beneath the boots of the Japanese, who took delight in doing this kind of thing."

At San Fernando, the prisoners were loaded into boxcars to be taken to O'Donnell Prison Camp at Capas Tarlac. "We were shoved into those boxcars and there was no room at all. We were packed shoulder-to-shoulder. When the door was closed the heat was unbearable and many of the soldiers passed out standing up. Some just died of the heat. When the train stopped and the doors were opened, the men fell out like cords of wood - dead."

Coon recalled the march to the camp from the station and the sadness of being separating from his friends and the confusion - "They were dying so fast in a day's time when we got to the camp. I was on burial detail and we tried to give the men the most decent burial we could. We would wrap them up in elephant grass before covering them up with dirt. But then it got down to where we had to bury them ten at a time in one grave..."

"I remember the little four-foot cross we made out of a bag of cement we had to mark the place where we buried our boys at that camp. I heard in 1953, from a nurse who had gone back over there, that the cross was still standing." Coon said that he had the opportunity to return to the Philippines years later, but said "My heart was not in it to return to that place."

How did Coon miraculously survive the three-year ordeal? "I think that being on special detail at the camps helped me to survive there because I was always moving around." Coon paused briefly, then related of how he feels that his faith in God had preserved him. "I wasn't a working Christian when I entered the service, although I had been baptized at Haskell Institute, but through this I was able to exercise my faith."

"Even when I was on the ship going over there, I feel that God was showing me what His Creation was - the ocean, so deep and blue - it reminded me of my grandmother's rinse water..." His voice trailed off with the memory, then

he continued, "in the evenings when I was at the POW camps, I would lay down to sleep and I would wonder if I would ever really know what happened to some of my buddies, but I was comforted in knowing that someone back home was praying for me. I knew it had to be, because there I was on the front lines and people were dropping to the right and to the left of me and yet, I remained, unhurt. You just know that God had a hand in it..."

Surviving Camp O'Donnell for two months, Coon and the soldiers were then taken in May to Camp Cabantuan. Meanwhile, Corregidor had fallen to the Japanese and the tumult of the war continued. "We were at Camp Cabantuan at Christmas and we looked forward to the Red Cross boxes - but we received very little.

I was sick with malaria and it was there that I saw Jacob Cornsilk, my Cherokee buddy to whom I had made the promise, for the last time. He found me and asked if he could borrow my little New Testament. Each soldier was given one when they went into the service. They became precious to us. Jacob lost his, so I gave him mine. He thanked me and left and I never saw him again. I heard that he died of his sickness after that. But, I did see where he was buried. I was on burial detail and I just happened to pick up one of the dogtags hanging on one of the crosses on a grave. I turned it over and read it - it was Jacob."

Time agonized by for the POW's at Camp Cabantuan. Then in January, 1943, they were transferred to Lipa. In September, 1944, to Camp Murphy. "While we were there the Navy divebombers had penetrated the area and that began the Japanese move to get us out of the Philippines and to Japan. I was on one of the five Japanese convoy ships bound for Hong Kong. The U.S. sank three of the ships, but our ship and another survived. I can still remember the sound of our own American torpedos coming through the water and exploding into the Japanese ships and them not knowing which ships held American prisoners.

Many died from the explosions, but many more died from the treatment they received from the Japanese during the course of the journey - we called them "hell ships," said Coon grimly. The POW's were on the ship from September to October, 1944 and remained on ship while they were anchored in Hong Kong, under bombardment by American B-29's. They arrived in Taiwan in November.

In January, 1945, the ships continued to their destination in Tokyo. The prisoners arrived in what Coon termed "the coldest winter I have ever known." He added, Here we started freezing to death. Many laid down and never woke up."

Coon and a group of 150 went by rail into Tokyo during a blackout air strike, then on to the POW camp in northern Japan. "We arrived at the camp in January, 1945 and spent a hard winter there and we lost 5 men at that camp. In April we received Red Cross boxes."

The winds of fate were about to shift. Liberation was at hand - unknown to the POW's. "In August we were ordered by the Japanese officers to clean up the camp and ourselves. We didn't know what was going on. Another two weeks passed and we still didn't have an idea that freedom was close at hand."

After three and a half years of

fighting daily just to stay alive, it would soon be all over for Coon and those who survived. "We woke up that morning and as the first of us looked out, we were shocked to see that the gate to the compound was wide open and that the Japanese had just walked away! We began to shout and tell one another what we were going to do when we got home."

"We also talked about the loud explosion we had heard earlier that week. It turned out to be the A-Bomb that was dropped at Hiroshima."

"Buddy was grabbing buddy saying 'Well, it looks like we made it this far - I guess we'll make it home together after all.' In each heart there was a deep sadness and sense of loss for those who weren't present to be swept up in the thrill of going home. 'I didn't even have any idea of what happened to some of my buddies. It was only recently that I met two survivors in my company in the 31st Regiment," said Coon, who continued, "The sky was filled with the drone of American airplanes then one plane came in real low and we could see 'U.S. Navy' written on it. It tipped it's wing at us and we began to shout and wave our shirts in the air. He dropped his handkerchief with words written on it - 'THE WAR IS OVER - YOU ARE GOING HOME.'"

Phillip W. Coon came home.



Mr. Coon was formally discharged June 26, 1946 as a Corporal. He received the American Defense Service Ribbon with one Bronze Star, an Asiatic Pacific Campaign Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, the Philippine Defense Ribbon with one Bronze Star, and a Distinguished Unit Badge with two Oak Leaf Clusters. In 1979 he received the Cross of Valor from the Oklahoma Veterans Commission, which is the highest award that the state gave to it's war veterans.

Coon is active in and is a life member of the National Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc. (Korea, Pacific, Viet Nam, and ETO), the American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor, Inc., and the 31st Infantry Association. He attends the annual conventions of these organizations and has served as Secretary-Treasurer and Vice-Commander of the 31st Association.

Coon retired in 1981 from the local Painters and Decorators of America Union #1895. he is a member of the Oklahoma Haskell Alumni Association and is a member of the Little Cussetah Baptist Church in Sapulpa.



Phillip Coon is shown with a group of former prisoners of war, who, with their families, were guests of the old Rialto theater in Tulsa to see "Prisoners of War," on May 21, 1954.



Brothers Stanley (seated) and Roley McIntosh

McIntosh Brothers Serve Eufaula Dental Clinic

Stanley and Roley McIntosh have a lot of things in common as brothers, and that similarity is carried over in their choice of careers. Both have been employed as dentists at the Eufaula Indian Health Clinic. The brothers work on a rotating basis.

Stanley graduated from Stidham High School in 1968, then went to Conners State College - graduating in 1970. He entered the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry and obtained his degree in 1976, and entered private practise that fall.

The brothers, half Creek, share the distinction of being the first Indians to graduate from the College of Dentistry at OU. Stanley was the first and Roley was the fourth graduate from that program.

In his capacity of dentist at the Eufaula Clinic, Stanley feels it is important to provide concern for the patient as well as quality dental care. He feels his experience in the private practise puts a different perspective on working in a clinic setting. "I feel that the clinic gives the same quality care as a private practise," he said.

The fact that Creek Nation contracted the clinic services from the BIA, made the opportunity to work at Eufaula Clinic, more appealing to Stanley: "I had always wanted to work at the clinic, but I was concerned about the Indian Health Services aspect of the clinic. But I feel that since Creek Nation now operates the clinic, the quality of the services has improved."

Stanley and his wife, the former Vickie Townsend, also Creek, have four children: Olivia, Leah, Cynthia and Stanley II. They reside at Coon Creek Acres outside of Eufaula.

Stanley is active in the community and with his tribe; he is chairman of the Eufaula Johnson O'Malley program, is active with the Creek Nation Jr. Olympics program, and teaches an Adult Sunday School class at the Big Arbor Indian Church, where he and his family attend.

Graduating from the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry three years after his brother, Roley McIntosh

received his degree in 1979 and entered private practise that same year. Roley graduated from Eufaula High School in 1972. He has attended Haskell Jr. College, Conners Jr. College, and is a graduate of Northeastern State University.

Roley and his wife, the former Nancy Willis, have three children: Spencer, Tyler, and Eli. They live west of Eufaula and attend the Big Arbor Indian Baptist Church, where Roley teaches a Jr. High Sunday School class and is Social Director of the Church. He is also active in the Creek Nation Jr. Olympics.

The brothers are also known for their sponsorship of a basketball team in the National Indian Basketball Tournament. The proud parents of the pair are Thomas and Naomi McIntosh of Stidham.

George Holuby, 1/2 Creek, is the new pharmacist at the Eufaula Health Clinic. He graduated from the University of Oklahoma School of Pharmacy in 1969. Upon graduation, he went into private practise in Eufaula.

Holuby, a 1960 graduate of Eufaula High School, served in the U.S. Air Force from 1960-64 in the Far East Division at Japan.

He also attended the University of Maryland, Southwest University and Conners State on a Bureau of Indian Affairs grant.

Holuby and his wife, Sherry Sellars, have three children: Dave, Cheslee, and Jason. They attend the Episcopal Church in Eufaula. Holuby is active in the Eufaula Johnson O'Malley Parent Committee.

Holuby's parents are Amos Holuby and Audry Lovelady. His grandmother is Lena Francis Holuby.

The Indian Health Clinics at Eufaula, Okemah and Sapulpa, were formerly under the supervision of the Indian Health Services, but Creek Nation assumed the services in an October 1, 1982 contractual agreement by the PL-93-638 Indian Self-Determination Act.

The Eufaula Clinic is supervised by Clinic Director Robert Park.

CN Health Clinics JCAH Accredited

Two Creek Nation health facilities were recently notified they passed a three-year accreditation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals (JCAH), announced Principal Chief Claude Cox. A three-year accreditation is the highest level awarded by JCAH.

In order to receive the prestigious health care award, Eufaula and Sapulpa Indian Health Clinics demonstrated through documented operating procedures they were providing and maintaining the best possible health care delivery service. Both clinics are under the supervision of the Muscogee (Creek) tribal government, and have been since they were contracted from Indian Health Service through the Indian Self-Determination Act (PL 93-638) in October of 1982.

Chief Cox said, "The accreditation of these clinics is unique, in that it is a first in having more than one Indian Health Service contracted facility accredited at the same time by a tribal government."

Under the direction of Chief Cox, Creek Nation has developed a comprehensive health care system for in-patient and out-patient services. Both the Eufaula and Sapulpa Centers offer direct health care services to eligible Indians in their surrounding areas. In fiscal year 1983, Eufaula Clinic, with a staff of 14, had 8,436 patient visits for dental and medical care, which doubled the patient load from previous years. The Sapulpa Clinic treated 16,446 patients last year and a staff of 15 employees.

Both centers are open five days a week from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and offer comprehensive direct health care services.

A third clinic is located in Okemah, which will be included in the JCAH survey. Creek Nation also operates a

39-bed hospital in Okemah which is currently under JCAH accreditation. The Creek Nation Community Hospital, dedicated May 13, 1978, was, and remains the only tribally-owned and operated hospital in U.S. history.

All of the clinics operate under the same procedure and guidelines which insure Indian patients receive identical services at each facility. Indians are encouraged to contact any of these facilities for information regarding types of services available, specialty clinics or appointment procedures.

Bemo Church News

On Oct. 9th Bemo Church held it's Fourth Sunday and the Lords Supper. Friday was fast day, and Saturday was testimony night. The Sunday morning message was brought by Rev. Charley Hicks, the afternoon sermon by Rev. Lewis Bible, Rev. Stanley Smith, Rev. John Tiger, and Rev. George Doyle.

Administering the Sacrament Table was Rev. Lewis Bible - Bread, and Rev. Stanley Smith - Wine. Deacons serving were: Deacon Walter Lewis and Deacon Sonny Burgess. Preparing the table - Deacons Chebon, Joe Fife and Tuskie.

Church represented were: Thewalee, Hutchechapa, Cedar Creek, Haikey, Broken Arrow, Grove Creek, Seminole Arbeka and Snake Creek No. 2.

On November 6 we will observe Thanksgiving. December 4 we will observe Christmas all day, gifts, candy and Santa Claus.

December 31, all night New Years Eve watch night Service and January 1, Lords Supper and our 1st Fourth Sunday. Everyone is welcomed to come and visit.

Castle Indian Community News

By Christine Henneha

Rhonda Johnson a 1/4 Creek Senior at Okemah High School has received a letter of invitation to participate in the Miss American Co-Ed Pageant. Rhonda is the daughter of Grady and

Earnestine Johnson. She has been on the Principal's Honor Roll and on Superintendent's Honor Roll. She will compete, on the State level in the Holidome in O.K.C. June 15-16. If chosen, the Miss Americans Co-Ed for 1984, she will win an all expense paid vacation in Hawaii, where she will compete for the National title. The State winner will represent her State for a year.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles & Marla (Beaver) Compton had a baby girl at Claremore Indian Hospital her name is Kelly Annetta Compton and was born in July 1983.

Melissa Harjo Tiger one of Castles elderly citizens had her 79th birthday on Oct. 1, 1983 she was given a surprise birthday supper, by her family, on Oct 2, in the home of her daughter,

Christine Henneha. Those who were able to attend were, her son, Clarence Tiger Sr. his wife Sally and children, Sophie Taryole, Valeria & Wiley Littlecreek and children, Wanda and George McNac and children, Leonard and Serena Henneha and daughter, Earnestine Henneha and her family, Bridgett and Amos Roberts and twins, John and friend Minnie, Josephine Wolf and daughter, Billy and Karen Waggoner and children, Pat Henneha and children, Lucille and Leroy Joshua were unable to attend, but visited her on Monday with gifts.

Castle Community Center is located between Castle and 56 Highway on 48 highway at the old Osborn Center at half way point right on the highway 48. The Indian people pick up there commodities there. If you live south of Castle you go there. If you live north of Castle you go to Buckeye Mission. We have our meeting there with special guest speakers from the Complex at Okmulgee everyone is invited to attend. It is the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

KOWETA COMMUNITY NEWS

The Koweta Community Association met Monday, Sept. 19 at the Community Center and elected new officers for the coming year.

Officers elected were: Robert Miller, president, Loretta Rundell, vice-president, Wilma Berryhill, Secretary, Barbara Gillespie, Treasurer, and Charlie Squires, Sergeant at Arms.

After the business meeting refreshments were served.

On October 10 at the Community Center, candidate night was held: Candidates presented their views and ideas to a large crowd of Tribal members. Among those present included Incumbent Chief Claude Cox, candidate Ed Mouss for Principal Chief, Incumbent George Miller, James Wesley, Leo Hunter and Kenneth Childers for Second Chief, Alexander Thomas and Charles McHenry candidates for Council Representative from Wagoner, Mayes and Rogers District.

October 17, was our monthly meeting. A covered dish was served and a Halloween party was held, with a costume parade, and cake walk. Games were played and all those present had a night to remember as there was much laughter and merriment.

The Koweta Indian Community Association meets the third Monday of each month at the Community Center. The association wishes to thank all those persons helping with the food booth at the Fall Festival. Proceeds go toward maintenance of the community center, recreation equipment and other planned activities.

CN Communication Dept. Produces Video Tape On "Creek Folklore"

The Creek Nation Communication Department proudly announces the broadcast of the television program "The Folklore of the Muscogee People" at 9 p.m. on November 20. This half-hour show, a co-production of the Creek Nation and KOED-Channel 11, will air statewide on the Oklahoma Educational Television network as part of the "Arts Chronicle" series.

Featured in the program are traditional stories of the Creek people accompanied by explanations of the importance of folklore within a culture. Artwork by five Indian artists illustrate the Creek stories told by Susannah Factor of Holdenville and Woodrow Haney of Tulsa. The artists are: Phyllis (Fife) Patrick, Jimmie Carole (Fife) Stewart, Mary Tiger Brown, Freeman Mitchell and Tommie Steinsiek.

Sehoya Tecumseh, daughter of Communication Dept. secretary Anita Tecumseh, plays the part of a little girl whose grandmother tells her some of the tales of the Muscogee people.

Dr. Ruth Arrington, Professor of Speech and Drama at Northeastern State University, is the show's host. The program was written and produced by Gary Robinson, Communication Specialist for the Creek Nation. Production services and personnel were provided by KOED: Executive Producer Rex Daugherty, Director/Editor Jim Reid, and Photographer Trish Popkess.

Check local listings for the OETA Channel in your area.



Princess Nancy Renae Harjo

Nancy Harjo Selected Princess For D.C. Indian Society

Nancy Renae Harjo, Creek, has recently been selected as Princess of the American Indian Society of Washington, D.C. She will represent the Society in all functions and gatherings in which the club participates on the East Coast. Her first representation was at the Nanticoke Indian Pow Wow in Millsboro, Delaware. Nancy is 14 years old and is a freshman at Wakefield High School in Arlington, Va. She is wearing a traditional Creek Indian dress made for her by Kathy Dalrymple, a former Oklahoman, who specializes in both traditional and contemporary Indian designs. Nancy is the daughter of Thelma C. Harjo, originally from Okmulgee who now resides in Arlington, Va. and Frank Harjo of Henryetta, Oklahoma. She has a brother Ryan, also of Arlington. Her grandparents are Martha and Webster Chalakee, of Okmulgee.

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Birthday honoree Elijah Haynes and Chief Cox

Elijah Haynes Celebrates 85th Birthday

"Too much fuss over an old man!" was the cheerful response of 85 year old Elijah Haynes of Beggs, who was honored October 2 at a Birthday Dinner given by his family.

The gathering was held at the Beggs residence of Lucille Webb, Haynes daughter, and was attended by Mrs. Webb, Principal Chief Claude Cox (Haynes' nephew), Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Efurd, Beggs; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Factor and children, Bixby; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Treat, Beggs; Mr. and Mrs. Marc Fields, Tulsa, and Cynthia Factor, Tulsa.

Elijah Samuel Haynes, full-blood Creek, was born in 1898 in Okmulgee ("when the town of Okmulgee was just two grocery stores!" recalled Haynes). His late wife, Bessie and he moved to Beggs in 1939 on their original land allotment, where Elijah, in spite of the inevitable hinderances of growing older, continues to lead a full life. He maintains his own home, manages his daily affairs, drives a car and enjoys a good game of dominoes and pool - not the mention a hearty diet of boiled corn and pork, sweet potatoe bread, and sour cornbread - all prepared by his daughter Lucille.

Quick-witted and in good health, Elijah reflected upon the things that have meant a lot to him in his life - his have meant a lot to him and have brought him happiness and a sense of pride - his family, his children, his 50-year membership with Newtown Indian Methodist Church, his Creek heritage and his "Indian ways". "I was born an Indian, raised an Indian, and I have my Indian ways - they are good ways..." he said, and with a voice tinged with concern, he spoke quietly of these Indian ways being lost to the youth. "I do not want our youth to lose the meaning of being Indian or lose respect for life or for one another..." Shaking off the somber tone of apprehension, he added brightly that he was pleased to see the revival of the Creek language among the people and added that he speaks better Creek than he does English.

Elijah is proud of his hometown of Beggs and he knows most of the people in town. "I know them but I just can't remember their names!" he laughed. And most everyone recognizes Elijah as he comes into town to do his business or just visit with his friends. He is a familiar sight in Beggs and we hope he remains that for a long time to come.

NOVA TV Series Films CN

The team of five worked as smoothly together as parts of a well oiled machine. You could tell they were experienced professionals. There was the Producer/Director, the Cinematographer, the Sound Man, the Associate Producer, and the Cinematographer's Assistant (called the "Grip").

They had come to the Creek Nation in October to film segments of the program for NOVA, the award-winning PBS television series. This particular show, about Indian health and nutrition, will air on March 5, 1984.

The program's producer, Linda Harrar, decided to use the Creek Nation as a prime example of progressive health care and nutrition programs in the show. Because Creek Nation is the first tribe in the country to own and operate its own hospital and clinics, and the first tribe to administer

a Commodity Food Distribution Program.

In addition to the Creek Nation, the program will feature the Navajo, Sioux and Klinkit Nations in an examination of health and nutrition problems faced by Indian people, and the steps being taken to solve those problems.

But NOVA's coverage of the Creek Nation didn't end with the clinics, the hospital and the food program. The film crew also shot scenes at the agribusiness, the Capitol Complex and the Tullahassee Stompground, to get a well-rounded picture of Creek Indian people.

Near the end of her stay in Oklahoma, Ms. Harrah expressed her gratitude to all the people in the Creek Nation who helped the crew with its work.

Check local listings for the broadcast date and time of this NOVA program in your area.

Know Your Rights

By The Creek Nation Office of Justice

One of the functions of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's Office of Justice is to carry out the Nation's legal responsibilities in involuntary State child custody proceedings involving Creek children. Voluntary custody proceedings and juvenile delinquency actions are not included. The rights and duties of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation in these cases was clarified by the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978. In order to accomplish the objectives of the Act, the Office Of Justice does the following:

1. Exercise the Nation's right to intervene in State Indian Child Welfare proceedings, and to remain a party to the case within the State system.
2. When the situation demands, to transfer the State case to the Courts of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.
3. To serve as the machinery (clerk, prosecutor, etc.) for the Muscogee National Court.
4. Insuring that the State Department of Human Services and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Indian Child Welfare Program comply with the Federal and tribal law in regard to child placement and support services to the Indian families.
5. Handle all legal questions on the jurisdiction of the Nation in Indian Child Welfare cases.
6. Prepare and negotiate Indian Child Welfare with the State and the tribe.
7. Work hand in hand with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Indian Child Welfare Program in all parts of their program.

In the next issue we will discuss in detail the proceedings in the State courts, including the rights of the Indian children, their parents, and the "Indian Custodian."

For more information contact Geoffrey Standing Bear, General Legal Counsel, at (918) 756-8700, ext. 303.

Haskell Alumni Holds Fall Reunion

By Ethel Torres

The Oklahoma Chapter of the Haskell Jr. College Alumni Association held their Annual Fall Festival Reunion at the Holiday Inn in Shawnee, October 7, 8, 9, with approximately 155 present. Betty Shannon was Co-ordinator, with Betty Lowery, McCloud, and Louise Bear, Checotah, in charge of registration. Sue Pepper, Creek Nation Community Hospital, Okemah, took memberships. Jim Thompson, Pawnee, and C.B. Sumner, Mustang, sold projects. Louise Bear, Ben and Barbara Shoemaker, Betty Shannon, and John Edwards handled the raffle which included Indian jewelry, Corning Ware, Seminole shirts, afghans, paintings and \$100 in cash with the winner of the prize being Ray Smith of Albany, Georgia.

Friday the Haskell Athletic Hall of Fame Committee met, chaired by Kidwell of Muskogee. The Friday night poolside reception was hosted by the officers and Board members of the chapter. Several door prizes were given.

Saturday morning the Executive Board had their annual business

meeting with membership, treasurer's, and scholarship reports given. Officers selected for '83-'84 were: President - Dr. John L. Edwards; Vice-President - Betty Lowery (and Treasurer), and Dorothy Ware - Secretary.

The Oklahoma Chapter collected a possible \$1500 for the Haskell Centennial to be held at Haskell Jr. College in Lawrence, Kansas.

The Dr. William H. Coleman Scholarship Funds which reached a total of \$650 for the year will be presented to the college with designations by the Scholarship Committee at Haskell. Ethel Coleman Torres of Weleetka did the honors for her brother, since starting the annual scholarship fund two years ago. \$450 was raised at this reunion. Ethel donated a large Indian mural which was raffled off, with Stevie Buck, son of William Buck (formerly of Weleetka) and Tulsa University and now Santa Ana, California, as winner.

Fire Lake Golf Course (an all-Indian golf course) owned and operated by the Pottawatamie Indian Tribe of Oklahoma at Shawnee (which opened this summer) was the setting for the Haskell Indian Jr. College Oklahoma Chapter's Fall Festival Alumni Reunion All-Indian Golf Tournament. There were 54 entries.

Ethel Torres, Weleetka, is representative of this area on the Hall of Fame Committee. From Chilocco Indian School Alumni Association to help pick former retired employees or Chilocco graduates who have done outstanding or commendable service to and for Chilocco. Overton Cheadle, Indian Counselor at East Central University, Ada, is Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee. He hopes that all Chilocco Alumni Chapters would pick candidates, so that resumes and pictures can be turned in by March 84 so that decisions can be made that month. Committee meetings for a final presentation to be made at Chilocco's 100th Anniversary Alumni Reunion which will be held in Oklahoma City June 15, 16, 17. Overton, Clem Griffin, Tahlequah, or James Bearskin, Newkirk, will accept the nominations.

Higher Education Ends Successful Year

The Higher Education Program successfully completed it's fourth year of operations on September 30, 1983.

It's growth and evolvement into the type of program that any tribe can be proud of gives faith to the vision that started the program four years ago.

The following figures are some of the accomplishments that program provided during the past fiscal year. There were three hundred and fifty-nine different students funded at 72 colleges and universities across the nation. Many of the students were funded three times during the year, if they attended the summer session. There were 96 students fully funded during the summer term. This helped the students because, if you are in summer school, you are not expected to have summer savings as a resource for the next school year.

Many thanks to the students and parents who helped the program remain student service-oriented.

Christmas Dinner Scheduled For Haskell/Chilocco

Chilocco-Haskell alums, former students, former employees and friends are cordially invited to a Christmas Dinner/Dance sponsored by the Chilocco Northeastern Oklahoma Alumni Chapter on December 10, 1983, at the Howard Johnson Motel, located at I-44 and 11th Street exit in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Registration will be from 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. in the hotel lobby.

The restaurant has requested guaranteed reservations for the dinner four days in advance. Please mail your dinner and dance reservations with check or money order, as early as possible, to Emily Bunny, P.O. Box 2465, Tulsa, Ok 74101. Reservations must be received no later than December 8, 1983 (no exceptions). Tickets will be sold on a first come, first serve basis, only 500 tickets can be printed.

For additional information contact: Emily Bunny, office: (918) 561-8723 or Cedric Starr, Residence: (918) 622-5420.

DEATHS

REV. DAVID L. BERRYHILL

Funeral services for Rev. David L. Berryhill were conducted October 15, at the Talahassee Methodist Church. Interment was in the Talahassee Cemetery under the direction of the Stout Funeral Home, Wewoka.

Rev. Berryhill died Oct. 12 in Wewoka. He was born February 2, 1898 in Okmulgee County and had lived in the area for many years. He attended Nuyaka Mission School. He was a veteran of World War II.

Survivors include two brothers, Jeff Berryhill, Okmulgee and Richard Berryhill, Oakland, CA., two sisters, Peggy King and Mahalia Chalakee, Okmulgee, several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were: Dave Powell, Ricky Powell, Woodrow Chalakee, Charles Simmers, Tom Berryhill Jr. and Alfred Berryhill.

ANNIE MAUDE COOK

Services were held Friday, June 17, 1983, at 2:00 p.m. at the Family Chapel in Sacramento, CA. Officiating at the service was Fred Masteller. Organist was Ruth Northam, and Soloist was Princess Putney.

Interment was at the Mount Vernon Memorial Park.

Mrs. Cook was 84. She was born March 18, 1899 and died June 14, 1983.

KEITH WAYNE PIGEON

Funeral services for Keith Wayne Pigeon, 17, were conducted Friday, October 14, at Hickory Ground No. One. Rev. Roley Haynes officiated the service. Interment was in the Hickory Ground No. One under the direction of the Shurden Funeral Home.

Mr. Pigeon was a resident of Sapulpa, died Oct. 10. He was born April 8, 1966 in Claremore.

Survivors include his parents, John and Leona Pigeon, of the home, four brothers, John Pigeon III, Granite, Marcus Pigeon, Dustin, Michael and Nikkia Pigeon both of Sapulpa, two sisters, Sandra Pigeon, Sapulpa and Heather Pigeon, Sapulpa. Paternal grandparents, Gertie Treadwell, Dustin and John Pigeon, Checotah, maternal grandfather, Charlie Rogers, Tulsa.

LILLIE HARJO

Services for Lillie Harjo, 78, of Route 2, Henryetta were held October 13, at the Yardeka Indian Baptist Church. Interment was at the Harjo Family Cemetery under the direction of the Shurden Funeral home.

Mrs. Harjo was born September 11, 1905 and died October 10 at the Henryetta Medical Center.

She is survived by one son, Eziel John Harjo of the home and one grandchild.

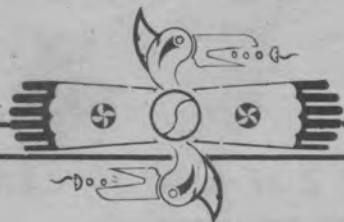


Creek MH Home Weatherization Tips

The following tips on winter weatherizing your Mutual Help home have been issued by the Creek Nation Housing Authority:

- (1) Disconnect garden hoses to prevent freezing and bursting of outside water hydrants.
- (2) Check flues for creosote and clean out if needed to prevent a fire.
- (3) Caulk around windows and doors where needed.
- (4) Install light bulbs or heat lamps in the well house to prevent freezing of water well systems.
- (5) A blanket should be placed over the attic fan. Louvers from within the attic will help prevent heat loss.
- (6) Adjust or replace weather stripping around exterior doors.
- (7) Check filters on central heat furnaces and change if needed. Check vent inside furnace and through the ceiling to prevent fires.

All tips listed are maintenance items and should be done at the participants own time and expense.



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ELECTION RESULTS

By Helen Chalakee

In a run off election conducted Saturday, December 3, incumbent George Miller was victorious over opponent Kenneth Childers by a 704 vote margin in the race for Second Chief.

According to the Creek Nation Election Board, Miller received 65.12 per cent, or 1,516 of the total votes with Childers receiving 812 votes.

In speaking with Second Chief Miller immediately after the election results were posted, he told the MNN how pleased he was that the Creek people saw fit to re-elect him. "The Creeks have never let me down, and it is my prayer that I will never fail them in this position," Miller said.

"With the election in the past, all our energy now must be directed toward the future," Miller continued. "We have elected good people in our tribal leadership roles; unselfish people, who I believe have everyone's interest in heart. I feel this is a good way to start off the new year. If each one of us do our very best for our nation, just think how much more can be accomplished," Miller concluded.

In the results for Council Representatives, Eliza Hicks won over incumbent Richard Larney by a 16 vote margin in Okmulgee District (Seat A). Hicks received 315 votes and Larney received 299.

Creek District placed incumbent Clarence Cloud over Joe Watashe for (Seat A), with Cloud receiving 195 votes to Watashe's 98.

Tulsa District (Seat B) declared Larry Bible the winner by 15 votes over Ellis Haikey, with Bible receiving 171 votes and Haikey 156.

Inauguration Services Scheduled January 2

Inauguration Ceremonies to install the Principal Chief, Second Chief and National Council Representatives will be conducted Monday, January 2 at 10:00 a.m. in the Mound at the Tribal Complex. Everyone is invited to attend.



Season's
Greetings



Florida Seminole Chief Visits Creek Nation-

Chief Claude Cox visits with James Billie, Tribal Chairman of the Florida Seminole Tribe, on the Chairman's recent trip to Creek Nation for discussions with Chief Cox regarding tribal economic enterprises. Chief Cox proudly displays the Certificate of Financial Conformance that Creek Nation was awarded recently.

EMT Training Program Conducted By Creek Nation

By Kathryn Bell

The Creek Nation Health Services Administration has been notified that it has received a grant from the Indian Health Services to implement an Emergency Medical Technician (E.M.T.) Training Program.

According to Manager James Floyd, the program will operate under the Health Services Administration, and will provide training for seven Indian trainees. Upon completion of the 8-week course, the trainee will become a Nationally Certified Emergency Medical Technician. "This E.M.T. program will give the trainee an opportunity to seek employment in this expanding job market," said Floyd.

The program will involve, in the course of training the E.M.T.'s, an ambulance that was previously used by the Health Services program, but which became inactive due to fund cuts of that program.

Emphasizing that the ambulance will be used exclusively as a part of the training program, and not as a 24-hour

ambulance service, Floyd explained that at this point and through the remainder of the grant period (until next August) the funds are only available to provide transportation for in-patient transfer from the Creek Nation Community Hospital to other in-patient facilities. "It is our hope that future funding will be available to operate an ambulance service similar to the previous 24-hour service that was once in operation here at Creek Nation. And when that comes about, we will have a resource of trained emergency medical personnel for that service," said Floyd.

Criteria for the E.M.T. Training course will include; applicant must over 18 years of age, the resident must reside within the Creek Nation and the applicant must be of Indian descent. Floyd added that although no prior medical experience is necessary for acceptance into the program, this type of experience would be helpful.

The applicant will be paid \$4.75 an hour during the training program, and

the next course will begin in February.

Application for the E.M.T. program can be made in the Personnel Office at the Creek Nation Capitol Complex in Okmulgee. For further information regarding the E.M.T. Training program, contact James Floyd's office, 756-8700, Ext. 312, or Supervisor of the new program, Evelyn Parker, 756-8700, Ext. 314.

Elderly Christmas Dinner Scheduled December 21

The Elderly Christmas Dinner will be held Wednesday, December 21, at 11:00 a.m. in the Creek Nation Dining Room. The Rev. George Miller and Rev. Eugene Sunny of Honey Creek Methodist Church will deliver a traditional Christmas message.

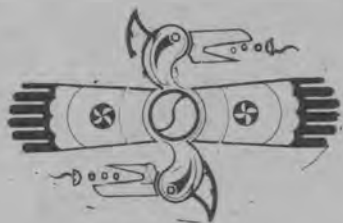
Apples and oranges will be given out to the elderly attending the dinner and drawings will be held for door prizes. All elderly within Creek Nation are invited to attend this festive holiday gathering.



Appreciation Dinner Rescheduled For Chief

The Appreciation Dinner for Chief Cox originally scheduled for November 19 was cancelled because of the Sam Haney funeral. The event has been rescheduled for December 17, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Okmulgee Fairgrounds.

"Know Your Rights", a monthly article published by the Creek Nation Office of Justice will continue in the next issue with the second in a series on Indian Child Welfare.



MUSCOGEE NATION NEWS

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Students Thank CN. . .

Thank you for the assistance you gave to allow us to attend the Intensive Leadership Development Workshop for Exceptional Oklahoma Indian Youth at Lake Texoma Lodge, November 9-10, sponsored by the Choctaw Nation's Child Welfare Department.

This workshop gave us positive ideas and experiences we can use in our every day encounters. We met a lot of Oklahoma's exceptional young Indian leaders and shared tribal traditions and concerns.

We wish that ALL Young Indian Leaders could have attended this workshop because we need everyone's knowledge, talents and gifts for our Indian people.

Again we thank you for the opportunity!

Sincerely,

Rusty Berryhill, Okemah High School
Bruce Douglas, Mason High School
Charley Hicks, Mason High School

Creeks In Hawaii. . .

Muscogee Nation News:

Enclosed find pictures I have taken of our Annual Pow-Wow, this year held in Honolulu, September 25th. Tribes and Nations from all over the U.S. were represented. I have written on the back of the picture who I know and their tribe. Hope can use these pictures in our Muscogee paper. There are approximately 3000 American Indians here in Hawaii - 300 to 400 are registered with our Hawaiian American Indian Society.

I enjoy our Muscogee paper very much and am related to the McIntoshes and Brashears.

I would like to buy a book or magazine on authentic Muscogee Designs and Patterns also the history of our people and original clothing (not white man's). I would also like to learn our language. My father, Roy L. Couch, used to speak some when I was a child, but I remember very little. I would be most grateful.

May your path be without trouble.

Jack L. Couch

Creek Author/Poet. . .

DEAR MNN EDITOR:

On November 2, 1983, upon invitation of Ruth Arrington at the Northeastern State University, I attended the production of "Creek Folklore" and I was well pleased with it.

About three years ago, I was invited to attend the First Indian Writer's Conference at the Rainbow University here in Tahlequah and I met professional Indian writers for the first time. I had never had the urge to write, in fact I had no confidence in myself to do it. I owe much to Joy Harjo for encouraging me to try my hand at it. Since then, I have poured myself completely out, so to speak, into what little I know of the literary world. It is a great awakening for me, since I am retired and had no hobby to keep myself occupied.

Ms. Arrington told me one of my books had been reviewed by someone there and I was unaware of it. Would you please let me know who did the reviewing and how the book reached the Muscogee Indian Nation. I have no objections-just proud it happened.

Respectfully, I Am
Louis Oliver

Direct Deposit:

Beneficial Service For Creek Elderly

The Creek Nation Community Research and Development program has initiated a new, beneficial service for Creek elderly. "Direct Deposit," according to Manager Steve Wilson, is a safe and convenient service where Government checks are directly deposited into your personal checking or savings account. This helps eliminate lost, stolen or forged checks.

"We urge our Creek elderly to use this valuable service that has been provided at no cost to them through the Community Services Program," said Wilson.

The safety aspect of the Direct Deposit service is invaluable to the elderly - "With the high crime rate in this country, particularly among the elderly, the service would help reduce crime against that age group by automatically depositing their checks into their accounts," said Wilson.

The program, available through the U.S. Department of the Treasury, operates on an electronic funds transfer system, and as such, eliminates the use of paper checks, thereby reducing the cost of issuing payments. This service has saved the Federal Government \$39 million dollars in operating costs.

For more information on Direct Deposit, contact Steve Wilson, Community Services program, 756-8700, ext. 390.

Most frequently asked questions about Direct Deposit are answered below:

How will I benefit from the direct deposit of my retirement benefit check?

It is very convenient because the Government will send your payment directly to your bank account automatically. Your money is available the same day your check would arrive in the mail. It also eliminates worry about your check being lost or stolen.

Where can I have my check sent?

Your payment may be sent to any type of financial institution you designate - bank, mutual savings bank, savings and loan or credit union.

Can I have my payment deposited to my savings account as well as my checking account?

Yes, you can have your payment sent to a savings account. However, your payment must be directed to one specific account, either checking or savings. If you want a portion to go to savings and a portion to checking, ask your financial institution about an automatic transfer of a specific amount each month from checking to savings or savings to checking.

How do I sign up for this service?

Simply complete the Government form (SF 1199 for Social Security Benefits and Supplemental Security Income and an SF 1199A for Civil Service Retirement, Railroad Retirement and Veteran's Administration Compensation and pension payments) available where you have your checking or savings account. Personnel at the financial institution will help you.

How do I get the information needed to complete the forms?

All the information you need is on your monthly check, initial award

letter, medicare card or your Social Security application form. If none of these are available, you should contact the appropriate agency (Social Security Administration, Veterans Administration, etc.) for assistance.

Do I send the form directly to the Government?

No, you should go to your financial institution to obtain and complete the form. They will provide you assistance in completing the form, give you one copy and send a copy to the Government.

After I sign up, when will the financial institution start getting my payments?

Within 90 days your payments will be directed into your personal checking or savings account. In the meantime, your payment will continue to be sent to your home address. Remember, it is still important that you notify your Government agency of any address change, since they will be sending important information about your payments to your home.

What if the amount of my check changes?

The Government will notify you of changes in your payment amount. The correct amount of your payment will be deposited to the account you have designated.

If I am eligible for a Social Security check and a Civil Service Retirement (or Veterans Administration Compensation or Railroad Retirement) check can I have both checks sent to my account? What do I do?

Yes. You can have any eligible payment sent to your account. However, you must complete a separate form for each type of payment.

When my spouse and I retire we will receive a joint Social Security check. I want to have my part of the check sent to my account, and my spouse wants the other part of the check sent home (or to another financial institution.) What should we do?

Only you should fill out an authorization form and only you should sign the form. The Government will split the payment and your part of the payment will be sent to your account at the financial institution. Your spouse's payment may be sent wherever he/she designates. If your spouse wants his/her portion of the payment sent to another financial institution, another authorization form must be prepared.

If my spouse and I want our payments to be deposited in a joint account with our names on it must we both sign the form?

Yes, each of you must sign a separate authorization form.

Can I deposit my check directly to my spouse's account?

No, the account to which your payment is deposited must carry your name.

If I move, do I have to notify the Government, or will the financial institution do it?

You must notify the Government of your new address. This must be done in order that specific information such as a change in the amount of your payments, and general information, (See DIRECT DEPOSIT, Continued Page 3)



Infant Car Seat 'Loaner Program' Implemented by CN Health Services

By Kathryn Bell

Creek Nation was recently awarded a \$9,000 grant from the Bureau of Indian Affairs for implementation of an Indian Highway Safety Program which will consist of an Infant Car Seat Loaner Program. The program will be administered through the Creek Nation Health Services Administration.

The program will begin by targeting the Indian Newborn and Infant population within Creek Nation. The program will educate Indian parents about the necessity and use of car seats and restraints, as well as Oklahoma law mandating their use. A summary of that law, effective November 1, 1983, states: "Every driver when transporting a child under six years of age in a motor vehicle operated on the roadways, streets, or highways of this state shall provide for the protection of the child by properly using a child passenger restraint system (car seat) or a properly secured seat belt. A driver who violates the provisions of this section shall be given

an oral warning by the state patrol or local law enforcement officer."

The main thrust of the Loaner Program, according to James Floyd, Health Services Manager, is "to educate people to the state law, convey to them the importance of car safety seats, and instruct them on the proper usage of the seats. We will institute the Loaner Program and do a follow-up evaluation, with the end result of the program being to eliminate needless infant injuries and death."

The Indian parents involved in the Loaner Program will attend pre-natal and Well-Child clinics at which time expectant mothers and children between the ages of two weeks to four years are examined.

Scheduled meetings will be held in Creek Nation, at which time a Loaner Program representative will instruct the eligible parents on the installation and return of the loaner seats.

Floyd emphasized that all participants in the Car Safety Seat Loaner Program are to attend these Child Safety Seat Education classes prior to receiving a safety seat. Also participants must reside within the Creek Nation.

Program priorities include: **PRIORITY I.** - Newborns and infants under 20 lbs. Pre-natal clinics, well-child and WIC program participants will be the target groups and **PRIORITY II.** - Toddlers and children from 20-40 lbs. or up to 40 inches. Well-child clinics; WIC participants and interested parents will be the target groups.

Traffic collisions are the third leading killer andcrippler of all age groups, just behind cancer and heart diseases. However, according to Oklahoma Highway Safety Office information, one-third of these deaths and injuries are preventable by use of safety seat devices.

For more information on the Creek Nation Car Safety Seat Loaner Program, contact James Floyd's office at 756-8700, Ext. 312.

Direct Deposit Continued . . .

which would pertain to all recipients, may be forwarded to you.

Is my claim number the same as my Social Security Number?

Claim numbers are assigned by the program agency (Social Security Administration, Veterans Administration, etc.) They can be found on your monthly check, original award letter, or medicare card. This may or may not be your personal Social Security number, depending on the agency authorizing the payment.

How will I know that my payment has been deposited?

Financial institutions use one of three options to notify a customer of the deposit: 1) provide written notice within two business days that the payment has been received; 2) provide written notice within two business days that the payment has not been received; or 3) provide customers with an easily accessible telephone number where they can call to see if their payment has arrived. This is the method used most frequently by



PEGGIE KING, 83, HAS VOTED IN EVERY LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL ELECTION SINCE 1954. If transportation is not available, she frequently walks to the polling place near her home to cast her vote.

Peggie King Believes In Voting

By Jorene Coker

Peggie B. King, an 83-year old Creek woman registered to vote in 1954 and since that time, she has voted in every election. Even if she must walk the several blocks from home to the polling place-she intends to cast her vote-transportation or not.

She has definite views on local and national government affairs and the effects that the actions of political leaders have on the lives of common people. Having experienced two world wars in her life time, she is gravely concerned about the war-like conditions existing at the present time.

She firmly believes that if everyone who has a concern about how our government is conducted, would exercise their privilege to vote, then the quality of our government could be improved and become one that is responsive to the needs of the people it serves.

Peggie is a life-long resident of Okmulgee. She was born here September 11, 1900. Her parents were

Alec and Annie Berryhill, who founded the Tallahassee Indian Church. The church was established on land donated by Alec Berryhill and was the allotted land of Peggie Berryhill, the paternal grandmother of Peggie B. King.

Peggie attended the Eufaula Boarding School and married Caesar A. King in 1918. They had four children.

In excellent health, Peggie enjoys the love and attention of 13 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren who reside in Alaska, California, Florida and Oklahoma.

Other activities she enjoys are gardening, yard work, housework, Indian beadwork, outdoor camping with her grandchildren, and life in general.

A life-long member of the Tallahassee Church, Peggie and her sister Mahala Chalakee, actively participate in traditional Fourth Sunday services and enjoy the fellowship with other members and visitors.

financial institutions. However, each individual should ask which options his/her financial institution uses.

What about terminating the Direct Deposit option?

Simply contact the appropriate Government agency in writing or in person and request that they start sending your payments directly to you. Also notify your financial institution of the change.

Does the government benefit from Direct Deposit?

Yes. The Direct Deposit allows the Government to provide an improved service to recipients of benefit payments, a more efficient payment method to handle volume increases, and reduction of operating costs. Millions of dollars are saved each year because payments are sent by Electronic Funds Transfer which eliminates the need to print and mail checks. In 1983, it is estimated that savings to the Government will reach \$46 million per year.

Energy Assistance Now Available For Eligible Creeks

Creek Nation will be receiving an Energy Assistance grant from the Dept. of Health and Human Services for \$70,183 in a few weeks, according to Steve Wilson, Manager of the Community Research and Development Program, which administers the program. Wilson stated that the amount is a decrease of \$6,000 from last year's program.

Due to the limited amount of the funding, Creek Nation will assist those eligible households pay their primary heating bills only. The program will be administered by the guidelines used last year.

Applicants must fall under income guidelines with verification of income. No applicant will be approved until this verification of income is produced.

The Oklahoma State Department of Human Services (Welfare Dept.) will start their program December 1. Wilson urged those wishing to apply, to do so if they feel they are eligible for the energy assistance program.

Creek Nation and the State Welfare office will be working together to insure that assistance given to the applicant is not duplicated by either program.

Applications will be taken at Creek Nation December 12 by the Community Research and Development Program (located in the Mound Building). Applications will also be taken by Augusta Anderson at the Community Action Building in Holdenville. For more information, contact Steve Wilson, 756-8700, Ext. 300, or Augusta Anderson, 405-379-6813 in Holdenville.



Winona Simms Shilling

NIEA Selects Creek "Counselor of the Year"

Winona Simms Shilling, Creek-Euchee, was recently selected the National Indian Counselor of the Year by the National Indian Education Association. She received the award at the recent 15th annual NIEA conference in San Jose, California.

Shilling is director of the American Indian Business and Engineering Education Center at OU for the 1983-84 academic year. For the past three years, she has been a counselor/recruiter for OU's Minority Engineering Program. She received her Bachelor's degree in English at OU and currently is working on a master's degree in counseling psychology. She is a graduate of Okmulgee High School.

"All my experiences -- academic, professional, community and personal--have directed me to the area of counseling with American Indians," she said. "As I see opportunities for achievement developing in the professional careers, I am further convinced that there is a great deal to be done about recruitment and retention of American Indians in these careers."

The counselor also was elected regional chairperson recently of the National Association of Minority Engineering Program Administrators at its conference in Albuquerque, N.M. Named an Outstanding Young Woman in America for 1982-83, she was selected for inclusion in a resource book for Native American and Alaskan native women.

She also belongs to the American Indian Science and Engineering Society, the Oklahoma College Personnel Organization and has served as the chief court clerk of the Court of Indian Offenses for the Anadarko area. She is past president of the parent committee for the Title IV Indian Education Program and past vice president of the parent committee for Johnson O'Malley Indian Education program.

In addition, she has been an affirmative action facilitator, and Indian community field representative and toured with the United States Services Organization.

Ron McHenry Coaches Coweta Football Team To District Championship

The Coweta High Tigers Football team recently won the District 3A-13 Championship under the direction of Coach Ron McHenry. With the 35-21 win over No. 1 ranked Wagoner, the Tigers became the champions of Wagoner County. Coach McHenry, former coach at Collinsville, received the "Coach of the Week" title for his coaching of the championship game.

McHenry, Creek, was raised in Coweta and attended Broken Arrow schools. Upon graduation from Broken Arrow High, McHenry attended college in Durant. He is the son of Walter and Josephine McHenry of Broken Arrow.

"Coach McHenry is very concerned about our Creek youth and he takes a special interest in them," said George Miller, long-time friend and pastor of the Broken Arrow Indian United Methodist Church where McHenry is a member and Sunday School youth teacher.

Happy New Year!



Eddie Screechowl

Eddie Screechowl Named For 1983 NLSA Award

Eddie Screechowl has been officially named a National Leadership and Service Award Winner. Eddie was chosen for the prestigious NLSA award for 1983 by the United States Achievement Academy and winning this award qualifies him as a candidate for the USAA College Scholarships.

Eddie's interests are soccer, journalism, and art. He is left-wing forward on the Rowdies under-19 soccer team, co-assistant editor of "Pow-Wow", the high school newspaper, and winner of several art awards.

Eddie also received the United States Leadership Award in 1982 achieving a position of honor less than 10% of all youth can ever hope to reach.

Eddie is the son of Ed and Christina Screechowl, Sapulpa, and grandson of Jo Factor, Stroud, and Angie Screechowl, Weleetka.



Charla Annette Wilkinson

Creek Beauty Places 'Diamond Miss Pageant'

Charla Annette Wilkinson, 14, has won second place in Modeling and Photogenic competition in the "Our Diamond Miss" Pageant held recently in Lawton. She is now entitled to enter the state Diamond Miss pageant. While in this contest, she will enter the Modeling, Photogenic and Talent competitions.

Charla's talent areas are guitar and ballet, which she has studied for three years.

Maintaining a 4.0 grade average during the 1982-83 school year, Charla was awarded a certificate by the Lawton Johnson O'Malley program for her academic achievement.

Charla is following in the footsteps of her mother, Imogene Wilkinson, who was Miss Tahlequah in 1965 and Miss Muskogee in 1966.

The teenager is the niece of Charlie and Jorene Coker of Okmulgee.

To Okfuskee District Voters:

Thank you for your support in the recent election. I will continue to need your support and trust while serving as your Representative to the Muscogee National Council. May God bless you and have Happy Holidays!

Thank You, Bill Burden

1984 CREEK CALENDARS

Orders are now being taken for the 1984 Creek Calendars. The calendars are printed in Creek and English languages. They sell for \$1.00 each add postage and handling charge of \$2.00. Mail orders to: Creek Indian Calendar Co. 603 W. Yuchi, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447.

Weleetka Indian Center Hosts Party/Meeting

By Ethel Torres

The Weleetka Indian Center reported that it had a very successful Halloween party, with many booths, a cake walk, and bingo.

Many very attractive cakes were given as prizes. A full house of children, young people and adults were kept entertained for the evening.

The sale of hamburgers, coffee, pop, and caramel apples will go toward the Center's operating expenses. The hamburger sale and cake walk were reported successful.

In the Costume Judging Contest, the winners were announced as: Mary Hobia, First place in the adult division; Sonny Marshall, First in the Wee-One division; Rhonda Miller, First in the Young Adult division and Christopher Randall, First in the Young people.

The other two winners were: Rhonda Miller, Young Adults, and Christopher Randall, Young people.

On November 19, the Haskell Indian Junior College - Oklahoma Board, held its meeting at the center.

The next Board meeting will be held at the Haskell-Chilocco December 10 Dinner-Dance at Howard Johnson's in Tulsa. A decision will be made on a Spring or Fall Oklahoma reunion for 1984 since Haskell's Centennial will be in October 1984.



Rhonda Kay Johnson

Rhonda Johnson Serves As Student Role Model

Rhonda Kay Johnson, is a senior at OHS. She has been active in FHA serving as chapter historian, a member of Keywanettes, and pep club.

Rhonda is listed on the Superintendent's honor roll, the principals honor roll, and listed in the top 10 percent in the nation in Vocational Home Economics. Rhonda also competed in numerous Scholastic contests in Home Economics and she has won several awards in Home Economics. She has contributed many hours assisting the Red Cross with "blood drives", and campaigning for funds with the American Cancer Society. She is also a Reporter for the school newspaper staff, Who's Who and a member of the Society of Distinguished American High School Students.

Indian Rodeo Man of the Year

By Helen Chalakee

"It was one of the nicest surprises of my life", declared Robert (Bob) Davis, as he discussed a recent award presented to him by the Indian National Finals Rodeo Commission. The distinction was "Indian Rodeo Man of the Year" and the presentation was made before a record-breaking attendance of 8,500 at the Eight Annual Indian National Finals Rodeo in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Davis went on to say, "I didn't even have a hint of what was happening when the announcer called for me to come down into the arena. In fact, because they had also called Will Sampson to the arena, I thought he was going to be awarded something."

However, Davis' long-time friend Bob Arrington knew what was going on. Arrington, along with Fred Gladstone and Jay Harwood, comprise the committee to select the award recipient. Davis, 13/16 Creek, was in competition with two Canadians and a Navajo. Davis won the honor by a two-to-one vote.

For the past five years, Davis has served as Secretary-Treasurer of the INFR Region Eight, the All Indian Rodeo Association of Oklahoma (AIRAO), and is considered by most as the "man behind the scene" and affectionately the "backbone" of the AIRAO.

He is responsible for issuing membership cards and keeping track of the members. At every regional rodeo, you can find him helping out where ever possible to keep the performance running smoothly. Often, he takes the "rodeo books" at his home and on occasion can be heard in the announcer's stand lending statistical and background information about Indian rodeo and the Indian contestants.

Davis is a firm believer in Indian rodeo organizations and readily admits the only rodeos he now attends are Indian.

At his own expense, he sends a newsletter to all membership informing them of scheduled rodeos, dates and phone numbers for the books and any other pertinent Indian rodeo news. This past season, Davis managed to come out enough ahead to buy honor jackets for the Region Eight contestants who were competing in the Finals. "I still don't know how I managed both the jackets and the year-end award buckles, but this year our Region Eight cowboys looked terrific at Albuquerque", he said.

"I look at my position on the AIRAO Board as administrative," Davis explained. "In order for our association to prosper, it is essential to maintain our current membership, plus take in as many new members as we possibly can. In the past, Indian cowboys didn't have a chance at most rodeos-no matter how good they were! This is one of the reasons for organizing an Indian association", remarked Davis. "In the AIRAO, I personally want each contestant to feel they have an equal chance to become an Indian Rodeo World Champion," he added.



-Fain Rodeo Photography, Logan, Utah

CREEK COWBOY, BOB DAVIS, ACCEPTS THE "INDIAN RODEO MAN OF THE YEAR" AWARD BUCKLE from Creek Actor, Will (Sonny) Sampson, as Creek INFR Commissioner, Bob Arrington (center), smiles with approval. The award was presented at the Eighth Annual Indian National Finals Rodeo in Albuquerque this past November. Dick Spencer (left), representing Western Horseman Magazine, is this year's sponsor of the award.

Rodeoing since high school, the now 47-year old Davis bought his first rodeo membership card with IRA when they cost a mere \$5, the cost has since escalated to \$100 in that association. After meeting up with another Creek cowboy, Mel Autry, Davis rode the rodeo circuit until 1968. He competed in bullriding, considered the most dangerous of all rodeo events. "I've been bucked off plenty of times and even stepped on a few times; but, other than the normal amount of bruises and cuts one can expect from this business, I was never

really seriously injured", Davis concluded.

At the rodeo banquet in Albuquerque, Jay Harwood, INFR President, noted Davis "a man of few words, but when he did speak, he was well listened to with respect." Bob Arrington, who received the award in 1980, commented that Davis has worked in the background for many years and the award was very well deserved. The "Indian Rodeo Man of the Year" award buckle was sponsored this year by Dick Spencer for Western Horseman Magazine.

Davis is employed with Public Service and also serves as Treasurer for Creek Nation (his name is on the CN paychecks), an appointed position by the Principal Chief which Davis has held for three years.

Bob Davis and his wife, Jan, live in Broken Arrow. They have two married daughters, Robyn and Jill. His growing up years were spent on Tiger Mountain in Creek Nation. He graduated from Dewar High School. His parents are Alice Washington Davis and Marshall Davis.



WETUMKA INDIAN CENTER

By Kathryn Bell

"There is not any one individual more than another that has made the Wetumka Indian Community Center a success - but Chief Cox made it all possible," remarked David McKinney, Chairman of the Wetumka Indian Community, who praised the community for their efforts in the Center's success.

The participation and involvement by it's members has made the Wetumka Center a vital part of the community; "Our Center has been instrumental in upgrading our Indian community," said McKinney.

Formally dedicated on March 16, 1981, the three-year old center continues to be the hub around which the local community radiates. The center was built by funds from a HUD Block Grant through Creek Nation.

In addition to providing space for the diverse activities of the community, the center has made possible the opportunity for economic self-sufficiency through the sale of tobacco products. The Center obtained a Tobacco Outlet license February 7, 1982 - making it the only Creek Nation Community Center to be licensed as a tobacco outlet. The Tobacco Shop is operated at the Center Monday - Friday, in the evenings 6 - 9 p.m. "The revenue from the tobacco sales goes toward the upkeep of the Community Center and for it's functions," said McKinney.

Another accomplishment in self-sufficiency for the Center occurred last year when a loan that was secured by the community to purchase furnishings for the Center, was paid in full.

The Center is located in Hughes County on the northeast edge of Wetumka and it sets on a 10-acre site and has two adjoining ballfields - a popular place for the youth and adults during summer tournament time.

Equipped to accomodate 250 people, the air-conditioned center is complete with kitchen facilities, and is the location of such activities as Bingo, arts and crafts, and the most popular - ceramics; "We have a very strong Sr. Citizen's group which consists of mostly elderly women and they are involved in beadwork, ceramics and other arts and crafts. They even have their own kiln and the money that they make from the sale of the ceramics and other crafts, goes back into their activities and they even pay a portion of the electric bill at the Center with it," said McKinney.

Other activities geared for the Sr. Citizen's enjoyment include a seasonal trip taken to such places as the Trail of Tears Drama in Tahlequah, the scenic Talamina Drive and other places of interest. Plans are currently underway to take a trip next summer to Eureka Springs. These trips, explained McKinney, would not be possible without the cooperation of the Creek Nation Community Services Program and it's Manager Steve Wilson. Our Center's Sr. Citizens use that



MEMBERS OF THE WETUMKA INDIAN COMMUNITY, (shown left to right) Togee Dazzler, Mandy Harjo, Katie Anderson, and Jemima McGirt arrive at the Creek Nation Complex for the Annual Elderly Thanksgiving Dinner.

program's Elderly Nutrition van for transportation to and from activities."

Special seasonal activities are held at the Center such as banquets at Mother's Day, Valentine's, Christmas, as well as Easter Egg Hunts for the children at Easter. Area churches also hold Bake Sales at the Center, and workshops are held there as well - with these providing information for the benefit of the community about various topics of importance and interest to them.

"The Center supports our Indian youth by holding various activities related to the school's JOM and Title IV programs. The Center sponsors our

team to the Creek Nation Summer Olympics each year, too," said McKinney. "Actually, any activity that involves our Center - it is used to the fullest extent," he said.

The Center is involved in passing out Christmas Baskets each year to the needy. "We were able to purchase the baskets for the needy through an individual donation - this was prior to the Commodity program that Creek Nation now has in operation," said McKinney.

The Center, serving the needs of the local community, can be leased by Indian and non-Indian families to hold

reunions and other activities.

Future plans for the Center, which serves Wetumka and the surrounding area, include construction of a playground for the children as well as more activities geared to the young adult and adult age group.

What makes this center so successful? McKinney explained. "We've had to work at it. We just try to involve everyone in the activities. Cooperation of the community is our key to success. The Center must be successful - after only three years of use, the steel doors are wearing out...I'm happy about that."

Oklahoma Federation Of Indian Women To Sponsor Jr. Miss Indian Oklahoma

By Ethel Torres

The Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women held their quarterly meeting at the Holiday Inn South in Oklahoma City recently in the "Pumper Room," with Mrs. Eula Doonkeen - President in charge, presiding. The Registration Coffee started at 9:00 a.m. Approximately 20 members were present.

Four applicant, for the Jr. Miss Indian Oklahoma were introduced. Bunty Anquoe, the present Miss Indian Oklahoma spoke on her happenings right now; with personal appearances being made every weekend - sometimes several different sections of the state, and often during the week.

Charles Red Corn from the Tulsa office of Gas and Oil leases spoke on the Convention to be held at Lincoln Plaza December 12-13 where the Federation will be hosting a Coffee - mainly for Senator Meltzer of Montana, who speaks out for Indian problems.

Ethel Torres, Weleetka, was in charge of the drawing for the door prize, which was won by Karen Harjo, a Jr. Miss Indian contestant.

Mrs. Dorothy Burden, Weleetka, was appointed Secretary for the Day. A lunch buffet was served by

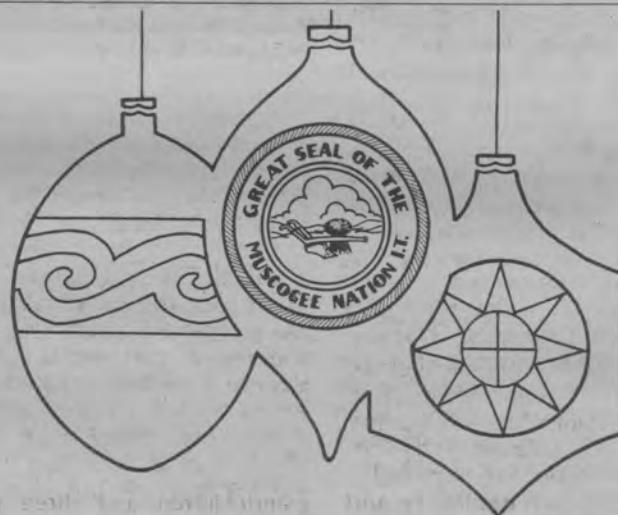
Holiday Inn - compliments of the Federation.

Reconvening at 1:00 p.m., Mr. Robert Keel, Chickasaw attorney, spoke on the necessity and importance of wills.

Indian women of any tribe are encouraged to join the Federation. With a \$4 annual dues fee for membership, checks can be sent to Dr. Margaret Nelson, 1523 Wildwood, Stillwater, Ok 74074. Please include a legible name and address.

The Federation of Indian Women of Oklahoma will sponsor the Jr. Miss Indian Oklahoma contest with entry deadline February 1, 1984.

The new Jr. Miss will be announced at the Federation's Annual Pow-Wow held February 11 at the International Building at the state fairgrounds in Oklahoma City. Booths are available. Applications for Jr. Miss are available by calling Shirley Wapskineh, 405-632-5227 or Wahilla Doonkeen, 2206 N.W. 21st, Oklahoma City, 73107.



OBITUARIES

HULLY TAYLOR

Funeral services for Hully R. Taylor age 77, were held October 7.

The services were held at the Shurden Chapel in Henryetta, Ok. with Rev. Barney Walker officiating the service. Pallbearers were: George Hicks, Houston Hicks, Herman Sumpka, Bunny Hawkins, Kenneth Taylor Jr. and Woodrow Jimboy. Interment was in the Okmulgee Cemetery.

Mr. Taylor was born July 4, 1906 in McIntosh County, Oklahoma.

SAMUEL H. HANEY

Funeral services were held for Samuel H. Haney, 60, November 19, at the Hitchitee Indian Methodist Church. Rev. Eugene Sunny and Rev. Butram Babb officiated the service.

Interment was in the Hitchitee cemetery under the direction of Swearingen Funeral Home in Seminole.

Mr. Haney was born January 1, 1923 in Seminole County, Okla. He was a minister of the Indian Methodist Church and had lived in Seminole all of his life before moving to Preston five years ago.

Survivors include his wife, Tilda Haney, of the home, two sons, Thomas Fixico, Seminole, and James Haney, Oklahoma City, four daughters, Ruth Heddington, Tulsa, Madeline Amos, Kissie Mouse, and Alice Porter, Oklahoma City, five brothers, Woodrow Haney, Tulsa, Warren, George and Earnie Haney all of Shawnee and Robert Haney, Glenpool, one sister, Amelia Deer, Seminole, and seven grandchildren.

AGNES ASBURY

Funeral service for Agnes Asbury, 28, were held November 23, at the Shurden Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. A.J. Tiger officiating the service.

Interment was in the Fish Family Cemetery in Hughes County.

Pallbearers were: Ruben Starr, Hillis Manley, Dave Summers, Jim Buckley, Danny Ray King, and Mickey Smith Jr.

Ms. Asbury was a member of the Silver Springs Baptist Church.

Survivors include her parents, Johnny and Leah Asbury, of the home, one brother, Austin L. Asbury, Okmulgee, two sisters Augustine and Alison Asbury of the home and one half sister, Linda Sue Chisholm, Okmulgee. Paternal grandfather Joe Asbury, Henryetta, several aunts and uncles.

LEAH MAE TARYOLE

Service for Leah M. Taryole were held November 21 at the Greenleaf Indian Church with Rev. C.D. Harjo officiating.

Mrs. Taryole was born March 11, 1915 at Castle. She attended the Castle School system and Chilocco Boarding School and was a member of the Greenleaf Baptist Church.

She is survived by Thomas Taryole of the home and her children, Ann Van Damme, Amarillo, Tx., Winnie Woods, Ama, Tx., William Hawkins, Morris, Bob Hawkins, Altus, Paul, Okemah, Louise, Ardmore, Clint, Ama, Tx., Jimmy, Altus, Glen, Altus, June Babb, San Benito, Tx., and Sarah Behling, San Benito, Tx. and twenty-seven grandchildren.

Okmulgee Indian Community News

The Community will have their Christmas dinner December 12 at 6:00 p.m. The Community will serve turkey and ham, guests are asked to bring covered dish. There will be a program after dinner. Special guest will be Santa Claus. Everyone is asked to bring a gift for the gift exchange, \$ 1.00 limit on gift. There will be two door prizes, one will be a 10 lb. turkey. Everyone is invited to come enjoy dinner and fellowship.

For information on renting the community center, please call Cora Derrisaw at 756-6171. The following rates have been established:

INDIAN ACTIVITIES

Kitchen & Dining Hall - \$30

Dining Hall only - \$20

Deposit (refundable) - \$50

NON-INDIAN ACTIVITIES

Kitchen & Dining Hall - \$50

Dining Hall only - \$30

COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE SAPULPA INDIAN CLINIC

SALARY:

18 - 22K

ORGANIZATION

Creek Nation/Sapulpa Health Clinic

JOB DUTIES

Make home visits according to established priorities and initiates arrangements for treatment. Interviews and counsels patients/families. Acts as consultant to school personnel, students and parents. Participants in planning and conducting of community health education programs. Maintains proper records and reports. Teaches and demonstrates the application of good health practices. Carries out medical procedures according to standing orders. Collaborates in planning and conducting of specialty clinic. Acts as physician and ancillary personnel consultant. Conducts school health programs. Plans community nursing programs. Covers specialty clinic in LPN's absence.

JOB QUALIFICATIONS

High school, GED, Associate of Arts Degree, Licensed RN Experience in home visits, knowledge of the community. Indian background preference.

Send Application to:

Creek Nation

Personnel Services

P.O. Box 580

Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447

Telephone (918) 756-8700

NANCY ROBERTS

Funeral services for Mrs. Nancy Roberts, 95, were conducted Saturday, December 3, at the Nuyaka Mission Baptist Church with Reverend Harley Roberts officiating. Interment was in Nuyaka Mission Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Andrew Lowe, Carney Roberts, Freeman Lowe, Roy Roberts, Jonas Lowe, Jimmy Jones, Tom Deere, Sammy Deere, Glen Jones, Floyd Jones, and Fred Jones.

The body was taken to the church at 4:00 p.m., Friday, December 2.

Mrs. Roberts died November 30 at her home, Route four, Okmulgee. She was born February 14, 1890 in Indian Territory. She was a member of the Nuyaka Mission Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Selee Deere and Nora Roberts, both of Okmulgee, 23 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.



Steve Wilson greets guests Emma Tecumseh, left, and Susie Monday as they arrive at the Complex Dining Room to enjoy a bountiful Thanksgiving feast.

250 Creek Elderly Celebrate Thanksgiving

A Traditional Thanksgiving fare of Turkey and Dressing and all the Trimmings were the order of the day at the Annual Elderly Thanksgiving Dinner held November 22, at the Complex Dining Room.

Served at the Dinner, which was held from noon until 1:00 p.m., were 250 elderly Creek people.

Gifts were donated by the Indian Communities of Wetumka, Weleetka, Okmulgee, and Bristow.

The Welcome at the Dinner was given by Chief Claude Cox, the Invocation by Rev. George Miller and the Message was brought by the Rev. Bridge Chuckluck.

Steve Wilson, Manager of the Community Development Program which sponsored the Dinner, praised his staff and other Creek Nation staff for their involvement in making the Dinner a success; "The Thanksgiving Dinner was one of our most successful Dinners that we have had for our elderly. I want to thank the kitchen staff, my staff, the CHR's, the facilities management, other Creek Nation staff and volunteers for their part in the

Dinner. Hopefully, our Christmas Dinner on December 21st will be as successful."



T.J. Goodvoice

T.J. Celebrates Birthday

T.J. Goodvoice celebrated his 3rd birthday November 29, 1983, with a Cowboy Birthday party at his home. T.J. is the son of Tim and Lora Goodvoice and grandson of Josh and Ramona Harjo and Ken and Sally Goodvoice, all of Okmulgee.



National Council

Approved Minutes Of October 29, 1983:

INVOCATION: Helen Chupco

CALL TO ORDER: Kenneth L. Childers, Speaker

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUEST: Joe Fox, newly elected representative

ROLL CALL: Helen Chupco, Nelson Johnson, Sandy McIntosh, Carney Roberts, Richard Larney, Andy Bible, Kenneth L. Childers, Clarence Cloud. Eight members were present. A quorum was declared and it was understood that all business transacted during this session would be considered valid and it would be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

READING OF MINUTES: August 17, 1983 Special Meeting Minutes. The Minutes had been mailed prior to this meeting. **THE CHAIR ENTERTAINED A MOTION:** A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Roberts to approve the minutes of August 17, 1983 as read. A motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. **MOTION CARRIED:** The Minutes of August 17, 1983 were approved as read and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

September 14, 1983 Special Meeting Minutes. (The minutes had been mailed prior to this meeting.) **THE CHAIR ENTERTAINED A MOTION:** A motion was made by Chupco and seconded by Larney to approve the minutes as read. A motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. **MOTION CARRIED:** The minutes of September 14, 1983 Special Meeting Minutes were approved as read and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

September 24, 1983 Regular scheduled Meeting. The Minutes had been mailed prior to this meeting. **THE CHAIR ENTERTAINED DISCUSSION:** Representative Chupco advised that on page one under roll call, the name of Sandy McIntosh was omitted and that it should be corrected in the final copy. **THE CHAIR ENTERTAINED A MOTION:** A motion was made by Larney and seconded by Bible to approve the amendment as recommended. A motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. **MOTION CARRIED:** The amendment was approved as read and will be recorded as such into the Creek Nation Code of Laws. **THE CHAIR ENTERTAINED A MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 24, 1983:** A motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Larney to approve the minutes of September 24, 1983 as read after the amendments. A roll call vote was taken with the results being: seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. **MOTION CARRIED:** The minutes of September 24, 1983 were approved as read.

ORDERS OF BUSINESS:

1. Old Business - None

2. New Business - "BILLS"

A BILL (10A) entitled "Authorizing the Purchase of the Lujane Property". The BILL was read and considered as follows: **Section 101.** The Principal Chief is hereby authorized and directed to purchase the following described lands for the Muscogee Nation: Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 in Block 53 of the City of Okmulgee, Okmulgee County, State of Oklahoma, including the alley running east and west and between said Lots 1 and 2 and Lots 3 and 4, less and except a part of said Lot 3 described as beginning at the SW corner of said Lot 3; thence North along the West Lot line 110.4 feet; thence East 96.36 feet; thence South 110.4 feet; thence West along the South lot line 93.9 feet to the point of beginning, all in Okmulgee District, Muscogee Nation. **Section 102.** The Principal Chief is authorized to expend \$96,751.91 (more or less) plus actual costs of closing the transaction, all from and "Real Property and Facilities Management/Capital Expenditures-Property and Plant, account for the purchase of lands described in Section 101. **Section 103.** The Muscogee Nation requests that the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs accept the purchase of lands described in Section 101 under the following title: The United States of America in Trust for the Muscogee Nation of Indians, and hold said lands in trust under the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act. **THE CHAIR ENTERTAINED DISCUSSION:** Parliamentarian Robert W. Trepp advised that the word (a) should be changed to the word "the", in the next to the last sentence in Section 101 of the land description, Mr. Trepp advised that this was a typo and could be corrected without an amendment. **THE CHAIR ENTERTAINED A MOTION:** A motion was made by Larney and seconded by Roberts to approve (10A) as read including the changing of the words. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: five in favor, one against and one abstention. Voting results: Chupco - Abstain, Roberts - Yea, Larney - Yea, Cloud - Yea, Bible - No, McIntosh - Yea and Johnson - Yea. **MOTION CARRIED.** A BILL (10-A) was approved as read and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

(10-B) A BILL Establishing Guidelines for Tribal Members Who Submit Materials to the Muscogee Nation News. This "BILL" was drafted and submitted by the Speaker of the National Council. **THE CHAIR ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO PLACE THIS ITEM ON THE AGENDA FOR CONSIDERATION:** A motion was made by Larney and seconded by Roberts to place (10-B) on the Agenda for consideration in today's session. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Six in favor, none against and one Abstention. Voting results: Larney - yea, Bible - yea, McIntosh - yea, Chupco - yea, Roberts - yea, Johnson - abstain, Cloud - yea. **MOTION CARRIED.** The BILL (10-B) was placed on the agenda for consideration. The BILL (10-B) Establishing Guidelines for Tribal Members who submit materials to the Muscogee Nation News was read and considered as follows: **Section 101.** Declaration of Policy. It is the policy of the Muscogee Nation that tribal members shall have the right to submit materials to be published in the Muscogee Nation News. **Section 102.** Materials which are submitted by citizens of the Muscogee Nation to the Muscogee Nation News shall be published in the regular edition of the Muscogee Nation News. **Section 103.** The civil penalty for violation of this Ordinance shall be cause for suspension or termination of employment, or a fine not to exceed \$1,000 (one thousand dollars) or both. **THE CHAIR ENTERTAINED DISCUSSION:** Discussion was held, however, the Communication Staff members were not present to answer any questions that were asked. A recommendation by Roberts to postpone this "BILL" until questions could be answered from the proper employees. **THE CHAIR ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO POSTPONE (10-B).** A motion was made by Chupco and seconded by Cloud to postpone (10-B) for further research. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. **MOTION CARRIED:** (10-B) a BILL "Establishing Guidelines for Tribal Members who submit materials to the Muscogee Nation News was postponed.

This transaction will be recorded into the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Code of Laws as such. **OTHER BUSINESS:** Semi-Annual Report by Geoffrey Standing Bear (See attached). **THE CHAIR ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO TAKE A TEN MINUTE BREAK.** (Break 11:04) A motion was made by Larney and seconded by Johnson and unanimously approved. The meeting reconvened (11:15 a.m.)

QUARTERLY REPORTS: The Chair advised that the Quarterly Reports would be given by Gary Breshears, Executive Director, and turned the floor over to him. A booklet had been prepared and distributed to each of the Council Members and Mr. Breshears covered each Division briefly and opened the floor for discussion.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, ETC.: Planning Session: November 16, 1983 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Larney and seconded by Bible to adjourn, and by unanimous vote of approval the meeting was adjourned.

BENEDICTION: Helen Chupco

Letter From Evangelist Ernest Best

"And they sung a new song, saying Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for Thou was slain, and has redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation."

Revelation 5:9

Praise His holy name! No nation, no tribe, nor any people are excluded from the redemption purchased with the precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. "Let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

Revelation 22:17

"He has given us the word of reconciliation...Now we are ambassadors for Christ." We thank God He has called us to be His ambassadors to the Indian nations. What a privilege it is to represent our Lord. What a privilege, also, to go to the many different tribes, visit in their homes, learn of their unique culture and traditions, and enjoy their good food. We enjoy their beautiful clothing and gifted arts and crafts. Most of all we love getting to know the people. What precious friends the Lord has given us. We praise God when we see people accept the Lord as their Savior, or when we are able to counsel with some from the Word of God. We know these bonds of love and friendship will last throughout eternity.

We have been extremely busy in the two months since we sent our last newsletter. We have been in six states...in three revivals, three missions conferences, two week-end meetings, showed the movie, "Burning Hell" once, and preached and showed the slides of our work in three churches.

The missions conferences were real blessings to us. We thank those pastors who invited us. We enjoyed the fellowship with the pastors, their church members and other missionaries tremendously.

The Lord has given us some good revivals. We experienced the outpouring of the Spirit of God in an unusual way at Wichita Indian. The hearts of the people were broken...from the oldest to the youngest...and they responded by coming for salvation, rededication, fuller commitment and praying for their unsaved loved ones. Praise God for His Presence and Power!

There are a couple of needs I want to share with you. There are many places where we go that do not have any kind of sound system. We are going to need one for the coming year. If you know of a person or church who would like to donate one, please let me know. Perhaps some group would like to take this as a missions project.

The other need is for complete Bibles (King James version). We try to give a Bible to each person who accepts the Lord during our meetings. Please pray about these needs.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support. May God richly bless you as you serve Him.

Your Missionaries to the American Indians,
Bro. Ernest and Bennie Best



MERRY CHRISTMAS.

from the

MNN Staff